### **SUMMARY OF**

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#### **FOREWORD**

We are pleased to present to you the Summary of General Statutes Enacted at the 2025 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia. This represents one of the services which the Legislative Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Counsel perform for the legislative branch of government. Other services include bill drafting, research, statutory and Code revision, rendering of opinions, counseling, legislative reference, interim committee staffing, and preparation of reports.

This document contains a summary of the general statutes of state-wide application which were enacted at the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly of Georgia. No resolutions, local Acts, or uncodified "population Acts" have been included. The document also includes a table of Code sections amended and enacted at the 2025 session.

Minutely analyzing each statute would be impractical, because doing so would defeat the main purpose which we hope that this document accomplishes. It is intended to be used as a convenient reference for persons desiring to know which laws were enacted or to ascertain the main features of each Act without the necessity of reading the Act in its entirety.

For specific, detailed information on any particular law, the Act itself should be examined. Acts may be readily located in the Georgia Laws by Act number, since the Acts are published in the Georgia Laws in numerical order by Act number. In addition, the Georgia Laws contain a table for converting Act numbers to Georgia Laws page numbers.

This summary is not to be deemed in any manner as an opinion from the Office of Legislative Counsel, and, for purposes of this summary, the question of constitutionality has not been considered with respect to any Act.

We hope that this document will benefit all who have occasion to use it. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcomed and should be directed to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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#### TITLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Act 371; SB 153

This Act makes extensive editorial amendments to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to correct typographical, stylistic, capitalization, punctuation, and other errors and omissions and reenacts the statutory portion of the Code as so amended.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 2 AGRICULTURE

#### Act 261; HB 358

This Act provides for a definition for "military installation" regarding the prohibition of nonresident alien acquisitions of any possessory interest in agricultural land or land within a ten-mile radius of any military base, military installation, or military airport.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 2-1-7.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 94: SB 144

This Act provides that manufacturers of pesticides cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The Act provides an exception to this rule if the EPA determines that a manufacturer knowingly withheld, concealed, misrepresented, or destroyed material information regarding the health risks of a pesticide to obtain approval of its label.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 2-7-171.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 311; HB 495

This Act transfers control of the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation from the University System of Georgia to the Department of Agriculture and provides for the duties and satellite offices of the center.

The Act repeals O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-18 and enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 2-24. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 4 ANIMALS

#### Act 81; HB 331

This Act prohibits a person from transferring a dog, cat, or domestic rabbit at any roadside, public right of way, parkway, median, public or commercial parking lot or sidewalk, park, recreation area, fair, transient or seasonal flea market, or similar transient market or outdoor location. The Act provides that persons in violation of the law are subject to a monetary fine and further provides for exemptions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 4-11-16 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 4-11-10.1. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 5 APPEAL AND ERROR

#### Act 252; HB 176

This Act provides that an order in a criminal proceeding that results in the adjudication of fewer than all of the counts in the indictment or accusation but orders all of the remaining counts be dead docketed shall constitute an appealable final order. The Act further provides that direct appeals from guilty pleas shall be taken by application. The Act authorizes the filing of a motion for leave to file an out-of-time motion for new trial or notice of appeal by a defendant in certain circumstances. The Act further authorizes the withdrawal of a guilty plea that results in a criminal conviction within 30 days of the entry of the judgment of conviction or within the term of court in which the guilty plea was entered.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 5-5-40, 5-6-34, 5-6-35, and 17-7-93 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 5-6-39.1.

Effective May 14, 2025.

#### Act 298; SB 298

This Act provides for direct appeals and other appellate procedures relating to the grant of, denial of, or refusal to grant or deny certain immunities and privileges.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 5-6-34.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 6 AVIATION

#### Act 172; HB 156

This Act provides the Department of Transportation with the authority to establish a long-term policy regarding the establishment, development, and maintenance of landing fields for aircraft,

including vertiports. The Act amends the definition of "tourism product development" relative to the authorized expenditure of certain excise taxes on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations collected by certain municipalities so as to include air service product expansion at air carrier airports.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 6-1-1 and 48-13-50.2. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 4; HB 58

This Act prohibits the operation of unmanned aircraft systems within 400 feet of or above ticketed entertainment events. The Act provides exceptions to such prohibition for those operating such systems with the consent of any person with legal authority over such event, under authorization by federal regulations, pursuant to his or her employment with the property where such event is held or with a utility service provider, or over his or her property, provided that such operation is not for certain purposes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 6-1-4. Effective April 1, 2025.

# TITLE 7 BANKING AND FINANCE

#### Act 250; HB 15

This Act revises various provisions related to banking and finance. The Act provides that the filing of articles by a credit union constitutes application for a certificate of incorporation and for publication of notice. The Act revises provisions related to investigation and approval of articles and bylaws by the Department of Banking and Finance. The Act defines the term "disqualifying crime" relative to licensing for money transmissions, cashing of payment instruments, and licensing for installment loans, provides for a notice of intent of the department to administratively withdraw applications for such licenses, and revises provisions related to the department's refusal to issue such licenses. The Act provides for numerous new defined terms related to licensing of mortgage lenders and brokers, provides for a notice of intent of the department to administratively withdraw applications for such licenses, and revises provisions related to the department's refusal to issue such licenses. The Act provides for quarterly and annual reports of residential mortgage loan origination, servicing, and financial information. The Act provides for reporting of annual unaudited financial statements. The Act requires mortgage lenders and brokers to maintain capital, liquidity, and net worth and to establish and maintain a board of directors. The Act revises provisions relating to foreign banking institutions, including provisions relating to relocation of offices. The Act repeals a provision relating to continuing registration. The Act revises provisions relating to criminal history checks for Georgia merchant acquirer limited purpose banks as well as provisions relating to department rules and regulations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-235, 7-1-392, 7-1-606, 7-1-630, 7-1-632, 7-1-658, 7-1-680, 7-1-683, 7-1-684, 7-1-700, 7-1-702, 7-1-703, 7-1-1000, 7-1-1003, 7-1-1004, 7-1-1010, 7-1-1110, 7-1-1111, 7-1-1111, 7-1-1111, 7-1-1121, 7-1-1123,

7-1-1132, 7-3-3, 7-3-20, 7-3-42, 7-9-7, 7-9-12.1, and 7-9-13; repeals O.C.G.A. Section 7-1-1138; and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-1022 and 7-1-1023. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 10; SB 69

This Act enacts the "Georgia Courts Access and Consumer Protection Act," which requires persons and entities engaged in litigation financing to register as a litigation financier with the Department of Banking and Finance and provides requirements for such registration. The Act prohibits litigation financing related to any foreign government or foreign nongovernment person or entity designated by the United States Secretary of Commerce as a foreign adversary pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 7.4, or any foreign person, foreign principal, or sovereign wealth fund thereof. The Act authorizes the commissioner of banking and finance to prescribe forms and filing fees and provides grounds for denial of registration and for related procedures. The Act prohibits certain activities by litigation financiers and provides for exceptions. The Act provides for joint and several liability for certain litigation financiers regarding costs or monetary sanctions awarded for frivolous litigation. The Act requires the inclusion of indemnity provisions in litigation financing contracts and provides for indemnification by litigation financiers, subject to an exception. The Act provides for consumer protections regarding litigation financing agreements and litigation financing contracts. The Act provides that violations by litigation financiers shall render litigation financing agreements void and unenforceable. The Act provides for criminal penalties and for the commissioner to refer to the Attorney General or the proper prosecuting attorney certain persons for prosecution under the Act. The Act authorizes the department to participate in the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry. The Act authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules and other policies in overseeing the practice of litigation financing.

The Act authorizes discovery of certain litigation financing agreements. The Act provides for admissibility of evidence related to seat safety belts in any civil action and further provides that failure of an occupant of a motor vehicle to wear a safety belt shall not be a basis for a cancellation of insurance coverage or for an increased insurance rate.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 9-11-26 and 40-8-76.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 7-10. Effective January 1, 2026; provided, however, that:

- (a) The provisions of Section 3 of the Act, O.C.G.A. Section 9-11-26, became effective April 21, 2025, and shall apply to any civil action, administrative proceedings, legal claims, or other legal proceedings commenced on or after such date and any contracts entered into on or after such date.
- (b) The provisions of Section 4 of the Act, O.C.G.A. Section 40-8-76.1, became effective April 21, 2025, and shall not apply to causes of action pending on such date and shall apply only to causes of action commenced on or after such date, and any causes of action commenced prior to April 21, 2025, shall be governed by prior law.

## TITLE 8 BUILDINGS AND HOUSING

#### Act 286; SB 119

This Act provides for limited exceptions to the circumstances under which a manufactured home may become real property. The Act also revises the requirements for obtaining such real property classification and preserves certain rights and remedies of prior holders of a lien or security interest in certain manufactured homes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 8-2-181 through 8-2-183.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to all contracts entered into on or after such date.

#### TITLE 10 COMMERCE AND TRADE

#### Act 278; SB 40

This Act broadens the legal applicability of the term "used, detached catalytic converter" and removes an exception applicable to used, detached catalytic converters. The Act prohibits secondary metals recyclers from paying to any seller more than \$100.00 in cash for any transaction or completing more than two transactions per seller, per day, per registered recycler location; or from paying cash to any seller for used, detached catalytic converters or coils, used utility wire, used communications copper, copper wire, or battery. The Act provides for the use of certain registration fees and provides for records and reporting. The Act permits certain caps for secondary metals recyclers relative to payments to and the number of transactions with sellers to remain in effect after January 1, 2026. The Act further revises provisions relating to the \$1.00 surcharge on certain waste.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-350, 10-1-351, 10-1-355, 10-1-358, 10-1-359.1, 10-1-359.2, 10-1-359.3, 10-1-359.5, and 12-8-39.

Effective July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all transactions occurring on and after such date.

#### Act 300; SB 213

This Act makes it a violation of the Fair Business Practices Act of 1975 for any person to provide scholastic cheating services to any student or examinee. The Act provides that only the Attorney General may enforce violations of the Act and that the Act shall not be interpreted to prohibit tutorial services or certain other academically supportive services.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-393 and 10-1-399 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 10-1-393.20.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 177; HB 240

This Act provides that, under certain circumstances, the use of mortgage trigger leads in consumer transactions shall be considered an unfair or deceptive act or practice and provides for penalties. The Act also provides for definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 7-1-1013 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 10-1-393.20. Effective May 13, 2025.

#### Act 282; SB 81

This Act provides that written lists of consumer data obtained from motor vehicles dealers and all persons to whom any consumer data has been provided by franchisors, manufacturers, distributors, or affiliates thereof shall not be required to include a person to whom consumer data was provided, or the specific consumer data provided to such person, if it would require a franchisor, manufacturer, distributor, or affiliate thereof to violate any applicable restrictions on reuse or disclosure of the consumer data established by law. The Act provides for limitations, procedures, and conditions on the use of motor vehicle dealer data and for standards regarding access and integration of data collected and possessed by dealers and third parties. The Act creates various unlawful activities by franchisors and delineates specific activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-621, 10-1-632, 10-1-641, 10-1-662, and 40-2-39 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 10-1-633.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 285; SB 112

This Act provides that any manufacturer's warranty of an HVAC system installed in residential property that is in effect at the time such property is sold shall automatically transfer to the new owner of such property and shall continue in effect as if the new owner of such property was the original purchaser of the HVAC system. The Act further provides that any manufacturer's, distributor's, or retailer's warranty of an HVAC system shall be effective on the date such system is installed by a licensed contractor and shall not be conditioned upon the registration of such system.

The Act enacts Article 37 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 10-1.

Effective January 1, 2026, and applicable to any warranty of an HVAC system or component thereof that is manufactured and issued, sold, or offered for sale by a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer on or after such date and to any modifications or extensions of any such warranty issued, sold, or offered for sale on or after such date.

#### Act 125; HB 131

This Act revises the advertisement requirements applicable to nonjudicial enforcement of an owner's lien upon personal property located within a self-service storage facility.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 10-4-213.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to any actions for lien enforcement without judicial intervention initiated on or after such date.

#### TITLE 12 CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Act 116; HB 454

This Act creates the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund and the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Program and authorizes the state treasury to promulgate rules and procedures to allow matching grants to organizations seeking to acquire property interests in certain battlefields.

The Act enacts Article 13 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 12-3. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 72; HB 143

This Act revises provisions related to water-measuring devices for the use of ground and surface water by farms.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-5-31 and 12-5-105. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Veto No. 4; HB 532

This Act revises provisions related to certain counties with unimproved real estate owned by the Department of Natural Resources to allow such counties to be eligible to receive a grant under O.C.G.A. Section 12-6A-12 or Q.C.G.A. Section 48-14-4 and a grant from the State Forestry Commission under O.C.G.A. Section 48-14-1 white also claiming similar grants.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-6A-12 and 48-14-4.

#### Act 259; HB 351

This Act revises the powers and duties of the Board of Natural Resources by removing its power to adopt, promulgate, modify, amend, and repeal rules and regulations establishing the use of a manifest during the generation and handling of special solid waste along with those rules and regulations governing and controlling the handling of special solid waste. The Act revises solid waste permitting and provides for submission of written verification regarding compliance with local zoning and land use regulations. The Act revises the notice requirement for public meetings held regarding municipal solid waste disposal facility site selection or major modification. The Act removes the definition for "special solid waste" and removes outdated terminology.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-8-22, 12-8-23, 12-8-24, 12-8-25.3, 12-8-26, 12-8-27.1, 12-8-31.1, and 12-8-39.

Effective January 1, 2026.

#### TITLE 13 CONTRACTS

#### Act 305; HB 241

This Act revises the requirements for convenience fees for payment by electronic means charged by lenders and merchants. The Act provides that lenders and merchants may impose either a convenience fee or a fee of up to \$5.00, whichever is greater.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-15. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 15 COURTS

#### Act 308; HB 199

This Act revises provisions for the establishment and maintenance of a database of personally identifiable information of state and federal judges and their spouses. The Act requires state and local governmental entities to restrict certain personally identifiable information from public disclosure and establishes a procedure by which state and federal judges and their spouses may request the restriction of any other personally identifiable information from public disclosure.

The Act amends Article 8 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 15-5. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 23: HB 179

This Act allows certain court proceedings to be digitally recorded for later transcription, if necessary, in lieu of concurrent transcription.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 5-6-41, 9-14-50, 15-5A-14, 15-7-47, 15-12-83, 15-14-1, 15-14-2, 15-14-5, and 15-14-22.

Effective January 1, 2026.

#### Act 263; HB 392

This Act revises dates relative to the Georgia Tax Court. The Act moves forward the beginning date for the initial term of the chief court judge to April 1, 2026, and provides that the court may begin accepting cases on July 1, 2026. The Act further provides for the transfer and disposition of certain cases pending before the Georgia Tax Tribunal.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-5B-4, 15-5B-11, and 15-5B-12. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 171; HB 55

This Act adds a third superior court judge to the Alapaha Judicial Circuit and provides for matters related thereto, including provisions for appointment and election, work and duties, compensation, juries, staff, and facilities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective May 13, 2025, for the purpose of appointing an additional judge. Effective January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

#### Act 25; SB 88

This Act adds a fourth superior court judge to the Douglas Judicial Circuit and provides for matters related thereto, including provisions for appointment and election, work and duties, compensation, juries, staff, and facilities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 26; SB 145

This Act adds a sixth superior court judge to the Augusta Judicial Circuit and provides for matters related thereto, including provisions for appointment and election, work and duties, compensation, juries, staff, and facilities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective April 30, 2025, for the purpose of appointing the additional judge and January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

#### Act 112; HB 85

This Act enacts the "Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act," which revises certain compensation provisions for certain superior court judges. The Act provides for locality pay in lieu of county salary supplements, authorizes the General Assembly to set annual salaries, and establishes a cap on annual salaries with respect to such judges. The Act also provides a definition for the term "base salary" and, subject to certain conditions and limitations, suspends the operation of local laws, ordinances, and resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary to calculate the salary, supplement, or compensation of state, county, or local officers, officials, or employees.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-6-29, 15-6-29.1, and 45-7-4 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 1-3-12 and 15-6-29.2.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 253; HB 180

This Act modifies the judicial eligibility requirements for individuals seeking to be probate court judges in counties with populations of more than 90,000 people so as to require that such individuals file a supplemental affidavit. The Act further provides that such affidavit shall affirm that the individual seeking candidacy has attained the age of 30 years, has been admitted to practice law for seven years, and is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-9-4. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 302; HB 426

This Act provides for the nonpartisan election of chief magistrates and magistrates. The Act prohibits any local act from providing for partisan election of a chief magistrate or other magistrate after July 1, 2025. The Act further provides for the nonpartisan election of judges of probate courts. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-10-20, 21-2-138, and 21-2-139.

Effective July 1, 2025, except Section 4 of the Act shall become effective January 1, 2027, subject to the ratification of a constitutional amendment.

#### Act 284; SB 110

This Act provides for the definitions of "blatant disregard" and "independent activity" and also revises the definition of "neglect" in the juvenile code. The Act further creates an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct for legal custodians permitting children to participate in certain independent activities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-11-2 and 16-5-60.

Effective July 1, 2025, and O.C.G.A. Section 16-5-60 shall be applicable to all offenses committed on or after July 1, 2025.

#### Act 121; SB 259

This Act enacts "Ridge's Law," which provides any parent or legal guardian of a child who is taken into temporary protective custody the right to obtain an independent medical evaluation or pediatric specialty consultation of such child that shall be considered by the court in any dependency hearing concerning the child. The Act further provides that any physician holding a child in temporary protective custody shall make reasonable and diligent efforts to inform the parent or legal guardian of the child of the right to obtain such an independent medical evaluation or pediatric specialty consultation and to inform the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services of the basis of his or her decision to take the child into temporary protective custody.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-131 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-131.1. Effective May 12, 2025, and applicable to any legal action filed on or after such date.

#### Act 115; HB 288

This Act revises the qualification requirements and process for the office of sheriff and provides for penalties for knowingly providing certain false information during such process. The Act provides for notice requirements, a reconsideration process, and the development of policies and procedures by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia related to the inclusion of a peace officer's name on a Giglio list. The Act provides for the circumstances under which a prosecuting attorney may, with immunity from civil liability, consider a peace officer's inclusion on any such list and an employing law enforcement agency may take an adverse employment action based upon such inclusion. The Act also requires the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training

Council to review the factual basis for a peace officer's inclusion on a Giglio list to determine whether decertification or disciplinary action is warranted.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-16-1, 35-8-2, 35-8-7 through 35-8-7.2, 35-8-8, 35-8-8.1, 35-8-14, and 50-18-72 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 15-8-33.

Effective May 12, 2025.

#### TITLE 16 CRIMES AND OFFENSES

#### Act 192; SB 99

This Act enacts the "Law Enforcement Partners Act" and provides for a definition of "law enforcement officer" which includes a peace officer and certain law enforcement partners. The Act further provides that such law enforcement officers may arrest for a crime with a warrant or without a warrant under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-1-3 and 17-4-20. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 131; HB 582

This Act enacts the "Georgia Survivor Justice Act." The Act permits criminal defendants to support a justification in using force defense by offering relevant evidence of family violence, dating violence, or child abuse committed by the alleged victim. The Act broadens the applicability of such defense by allowing it to be asserted in prosecutions involving all crimes against people and provides for petitions for the opportunity to present such evidence. The Act clarifies provisions concerning the defense of coercion. The Act provides for a privilege in participation in victim centered programs and victim-offered dialogues. The Act provides that communications made in the context of such practices and dialogues are privileged and thus inadmissible. The Act provides for civil immunity for facilitators in certain instances. The Act provides for uniform oaths to be sworn by all peace officers and provides for aspirational language in such oaths. The Act limits the crime of violation of oath by a public officer to codified oaths and in instances where such violation is predicated upon the commission of a felony or a misdemeanor of high and aggravated nature.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-3-21, 16-3-26, 16-10-1, 17-10-1, 24-5-501, and 45-3-7 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 17-10-22 and 24-5-511.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 279; SB 42

This Act repeals certain heightened penalties for keeping a place of prostitution, pimping, and pandering when such offenses involve the conduct of a person under 18 years of age.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-6-13.

Effective May 14, 2025.

#### Act 123; SB 79

This Act enacts the "Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act," which revises threshold amounts of fentanyl necessary to constitute illegal trafficking of such substance. The Act also revises provisions related to mandatory minimum sentences for trafficking of controlled substances and makes conforming changes to various Code sections related to references to trafficking under the "Georgia Controlled Substances Act."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 4-8-27, 16-11-106, 16-11-133, 16-11-160, 16-13-31, 17-6-1, 17-6-12, 17-10-9.1, 42-9-42, 42-9-45, 42-9-60, and 45-12-37.

Effective July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after that date.

#### Act 45; HB 473

This Act amends the "Georgia Controlled Substances Act" and the "Dangerous Drug Act" by adding several substances to the list of Schedule I controlled substances and to the list of dangerous drugs. The Act further replaces the substance methyl-AP-237 in the list of Schedule I controlled substances with 2-methyl-AP-237.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-13-25 and 16-13-71. Effective May 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 17 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

#### Act 191; HB 123

This Act provides for a pretrial hearing to raise a claim of intellectual disability. The Act further provides procedures for providing discovery to opposing parties before the hearing. The Act further establishes that the defendant has the burden of production and persuasion to demonstrate intellectual disability by a preponderance of the evidence. The Act requires the court to bar the state from seeking the death penalty if the defendant is found to have an intellectual disability. The Act provides for procedures to raise the issue of the defendant's intellectual disability if the court does not find that the defendant has an intellectual disability. The Act further provides for immediate review of the trial court's determination at the pretrial hearing. The Act further provides for procedures to present evidence of intellectual disability after a trier of fact finds a defendant guilty. The Act prohibits the death sentence from being imposed on individuals with intellectual disability and provides that the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without possibility of parole.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 17-1-131, 17-7-171, and 17-10-35.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 17-7-128.

Effective May 13, 2025.

#### Act 254; HB 222

This Act expands the information that must be included in a bond or recognizance given to secure the appearance of any person in any criminal proceeding to include the full name, email address, and phone number of the principal and each surety.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 17-6-73. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 288; SB 132

This Act requires a hearing before a court orders an evaluation of the mental competency of an accused person to stand trial in instances where information becomes known to the court sufficient to raise a bona fide doubt regarding such accused's mental competency to stand trial. The Act provides for the release of reports of mental competency evaluations and a shorter timeframe in which a mental competency evaluation must take place when the accused is only charged with one or more nonviolent misdemeanor offenses, excluding those of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and those involving acts of domestic violence. The Act further provides for the automatic dismissal of charges in certain instances and subject to exceptions. The Act authorizes the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to receive conviction data from any law enforcement agency which is relevant to the person the department or its contractors is considering as a final selectee for employment if, in the judgment of the employer, a final employment decision regarding such selectee can only be made by a review of the conviction data in relation to the particular duties of the position and the security and safety of clients, the general public, or other employees.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 17-7-129, 17-7-130, and 37-1-28.

Effective July 1, 2025, and shall apply to any motions made or hearings or trials commenced on or after such date.

#### Act 361; SB 244

This Act provides for the award of reasonable attorney's fees to defendants in criminal cases upon the disqualification of the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with such prosecution and the subsequent dismissal of such criminal case. The Act further enacts the "Wrongful Conviction and Incarceration Compensation Act," which provides procedures for wrongfully convicted and incarcerated persons to claim and receive compensation from the state for such conviction and period of incarceration.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 17-22 and Sections 17-11-6 and 28-5-87.

Effective July 1, 2025, except Part I is effective May 14, 2025, and is applicable to criminal cases pending on or after such date.

#### TITLE 19 DOMESTIC RELATIONS

#### Act 186; SB 245

This Act authorizes the amendment or revocation of grandparent visitation rights in cases where the parent of a minor child is deceased, incapacitated, or incarcerated. The Act limits such petitions to once in any two-year period.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 19-7-3. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 189; HB 177

This Act provides for the care, custody, and control of household pets under the possession of personal property in family violence and dating violence protective orders. The Act further provides for protection for household pets in such orders. The Act excludes livestock, laboratory animals, working animals, sport animals, and any animals kept for a commercial purpose or for consumption.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 19-13-4 and 19-13A-4. Effective July 1, 2025.

### TITLE 20 EDUCATION

#### Act 14; HB 235

This Act provides for leaves of absence for public school teachers and employees and postsecondary employees for bone marrow and organ donations. The Act further provides that such leave shall consist of no more than seven and 30 days, respectively, for purposes of bone marrow and organ donations. The Act requires a statement from a medical practitioner who is to perform the procedure or from a hospital administrator where such procedure is to be performed confirming that the individual requesting the leave of absence is making the donation. The Act also prohibits waivers of such leaves of absence.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-1-12. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 175; HB 175

This Act provides that all employees and potential employees of early education programs that receive federal funds shall be subject to a comprehensive criminal history records check, including fingerprint check, and an investigative search of child abuse and sex offender registries, repositories, or databases to determine employment eligibility for such programs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-1A-2, 20-1A-30, 20-1A-34, and 20-1A-39. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 18; HB 217

This Act revises eligibility requirements for participation in the Dual Achievement Program for students new to the program and provides for the continued eligibility for those students already enrolled in such program. The Act provides for policies, rules, and regulations for the program and extends the program by five years. The Act revises provisions relating to the ineligibility for election to a local board of education. The Act permits the education savings authority to make limited disclosures to the Department of Revenue in order to verify income as compared to income thresholds.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-51, 20-2B-5, and 20-4-140 through 20-4-142 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-4-141.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 170; HB 37

This Act requires local school systems to inform new employees upon hiring and all employees every five years of the policies on social security withholdings and employee eligibility for certain benefits. The Act further authorizes local boards of education to pay a portion of health insurance costs to cover the family members of employees.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-55 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-219.1. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 17; HB 268

This Act requires public schools to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency. The Act provides that public schools shall procure school mapping data which shall meet certain requirements and that such data is exempt from public disclosure. The Act authorizes the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations concerning school mapping data and provides that local boards of education, local school systems, public schools, and local governments and agencies shall be immune from civil liability.

The Act provides for the transfer of student education records and other information among schools, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies with legal interests in students. The Act repeals references to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as legal custodian of school age children and makes conforming changes. The Act requires that memoranda of understanding between certain state agencies and local units of administration include provisions relevant to the disclosure of student education records. The Act provides for reimbursement grant eligibility.

The Act authorizes regional educational service agencies (RESAs) to participate in dispute resolution procedures and provides for the designation of RESA student affairs officers. The Act further provides for the Department of Education's chief privacy officer to promulgate a guidance document relative to the sharing of student records and other information in support of the provisions of the Act. The Act provides for the release of student education records by local boards of education and local education agencies; for certain student education records to be deemed critical

records; for the transfer of student education records, including critical records, to receiving schools; and certain required disclosures and notices. The Act further provides for provisional enrollment at receiving schools and for the transfer of students seeking enrollment in any grade higher than third grade. The Act provides for case management consultations. The Act requires positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention programs for certain low-performing elementary and middle schools. The Act provides for case management consultations, policies and implementation procedures and requirements, and requires positive behavioral interventions and supports and response to intervention programs and for initiatives for certain low-performing elementary and middle schools.

The Act provides for school administrators to disclose certain information regarding students to the students' assigned classroom teachers and for such information to remain confidential. The Act provides for reports of law enforcement official encounters with school age youth and prohibits policies which deny or effectively prevent parents and legal custodians from reviewing certain education records. The Act provides for local boards of education to petition courts to require parents to authorize the release of a transferring student's education records. The Act mandates evidence based suicide awareness and prevention training programs for personnel and for students and further requires the designation of student-led youth violence prevention clubs within schools. The Act further requires local boards of education or other public school governing bodies to make available anonymous reporting programs and mandatory assessments when certain students withdraw from or stop attending school. The Act updates the "Parents' Bill of Rights" and requires written agreements for law enforcement officers in schools to include specific terms and conditions relevant to the handling and disclosure of student information.

The Act requires certain inclusions in school safety plans prepared by public schools, including provisions addressing behavioral health needs and behavioral threat assessment management. The Act requires the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish an emergency alert response system and a secure state-wide alert system. The Act revises a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon. The Act provides for additional offenses over which superior courts are authorized to exercise exclusive original jurisdiction for the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age and repeals a provision that limited superior courts from exercising exclusive original jurisdiction over the trials of children 13 to 17 years of age alleged to have committed aggravated assault only in certain cases involving the use of a firearm upon a public safety officer. The Act further provides that such acts shall be considered relative to the transfer of any such child to a juvenile court and makes conforming changes. The Act establishes the elements of a particular offense of disrupting or interfering with the operation of a public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop and provides for progressive discipline. The Act establishes the criminal offenses of terroristic threat of a school and terroristic act upon a school and provides for penalties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-11-2, 15-11-560, 15-11-562, 20-2-133, 20-2-270, 20-2-662, 20-2-663, 20-2-667, 20-2-670, 20-2-671, 20-2-700, 20-2-720, 20-2-741, 20-2-757, 20-2-766.1, 20-2-779.1, 20-2-785, 20-2-786, 20-2-1181, 20-2-1183, and 20-2-1185; and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-192, 20-2-270.2, 20-2-590, 20-2-591, 20-2-1181.1, 20-2-1185.1, 20-2-1186, and 38-3-154.

Effective April 28, 2025, and Sections 2-8, 3-3, and 3-4 of the Act are applicable to any offenses committed on or after such date.

#### Act 117; HB 192

This Act enacts the "Top State for Talent Act," which revises the list of focused programs of study that the Department of Education shall develop state models and industry required content standards for and requires that such programs be aligned with careers included in the High-demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board. The Act revises requirements relating to the development and approval of such High-demand Career List by such board. The Act further requires such board to evaluate and report on the effectiveness of secondary and postsecondary programs aligned with the priority areas identified by the board and included on such High-demand Career List and to develop and approve a report detailing the alignment of policies, programs, and practices of various state governmental education entities. The Act extends a program that allows students participating in the Dual Enrollment program to access HOPE grant funds for eligible CTAE courses. The Act requires that the annual competitive grant program established by the State Board of Education for renovation, modernization, replacement, or purchase of equipment be for programs that are aligned with the priority areas included in such High-demand Career List. The Act provides for individual college and career plans for students in grades six through 12. The Act revises certain reporting requirements of the Department of Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the Office of Student Achievement. The Act further repeals a grant program for local school systems to implement school reform measures in selected high schools.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-145.1, 20-2-159.1, 20-2-161.3, 20-2-161.4, 20-2-260, 20-2-325, 20-2-326, 20-2-327, 20-2-327.1, 20-2-329, 20-2-2065, 20-4-11, 20-4-20, 20-14-26, and 34-14-3; repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-328 and 20-2-329.1; and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 34-14-4 and 34-14-5.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 291; SB 154

This Act revises references to the United States Department of Education throughout the O.C.G.A. and replaces a reference to a student's student aid report with the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid submission summary.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-148, 20-2-206, 20-2-286, 20-2-664, 20-3-250.3, 20-3-250.5, 20-3-395, 20-3-400.1, 20-3-405.1, 20-3-660, 35-8-8, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-61, 43-11-71, 43-21A-3, 43-24A-3, 43-26-3, 43-26-32, 43-30-1, 43-39-22, and 43-44-31.

Effective May 14, 2025; provided, however, that Sections 1 and 2 of the Act shall only become effective upon the United States Department of Education being abolished.

#### Act 13; HB 307

The Act includes dyslexia in the "Georgia Early Literacy Act," creating new screening and reporting requirements related to dyslexia. The Act excludes the use of three-cueing from approved methods of reading instruction in public schools and local school systems. The Act further creates the Georgia Literacy Coach Coordinating Committee.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-153, 20-2-153.1, 20-1-40, 20-1-41, 20-1-43, 20-1-44, 20-1-45, and 45-7-21 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-159.6.

Effective April 28, 2025.

#### Act 27; SB 93

This Act amends the "Georgia Early Literacy Act" to require the Professional Standards Commission to adopt rules establishing the curricula for each state approved educator preparation program. Among other requirements, the Act requires that such rules provide for the use of content standards aligned with the science of reading and evidence based standards for teaching reading.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-153.1. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 280; SB 44

This Act revises the definition of the term "qualified local school system" by reducing the required minimum millage rate or equivalent millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills and provides for midterm adjustments to equalization grants awarded to local school systems that fail to maintain such millage rate or equivalent millage rate. The Act also requires annual reports by the Department of Education regarding each local system that received an equalization grant during the previous fiscal year.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-165. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 85; HB 371

This Act increases the annual cap on capital outlay funding provided to local school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act" from \$300 million to \$375 million, beginning with Fiscal Year 2027 applications for funds. The Act further requires that playgrounds of elementary schools constructed after July 1, 2027, conform with certain design standards.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-260 and 20-2-261. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 313; SB 212

This Act amends the "Quality Basic Education Act" to prohibit local school systems, public schools, and anyone acting on behalf of such entities, from disclosing student directory information to political candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, political organizations, or individuals or groups acting on their behalf. The Act mandates a written attestation concerning such disclosure in certain instances. The Act prohibits the disclosure of confidential voter registration information to unauthorized persons. The Act further prohibits political candidates, campaign committees, and political action committees from soliciting minors to fraudulently organize a campaign event on school property when the purpose of such event is otherwise prohibited.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-310 and 21-2-561 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-16. Effective May 14, 2025.

#### Act 11; SB 1

This Act enacts the "Riley Gaines Act of 2025." The Act requires local school systems, public schools, and participating private schools to designate all teams operated or sponsored by such

entities as male, female, or coed. The Act requires postsecondary educational institutions to designate all teams operated or sponsored by such entities as male or female. The Act prohibits males from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competition on teams designated as female, and females from participating in interscholastic and intercollegiate competition on teams designated as male unless a corresponding team designated female is not offered or available. The Act requires that such entities make available multiple occupancy restrooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters which are designated for exclusive use by males or females. The Act provides for reasonable accommodations. The Act prohibits certain postsecondary institutions from hosting or sponsoring intercollegiate competitions that do not meet such requirements. The Act prohibits such postsecondary institutions from awarding to males scholarships which were intended for females. The Act provides for complaints, investigations, and sanctions in cases of noncompliance. The Act provides for a private cause of action for individuals harmed by such noncompliance.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-315 and 20-2-316 and enacts Part 3 of Article 1 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-3.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 74; HB 340

This Act enacts the "Distraction-Free Education Act," which prohibits access to personal electronic devices by public school students in kindergarten through grade eight during the school day. The Act requires local school systems and public schools to adopt policies and procedures by January 1, 2026, which restrict the use of personal electronic devices at school and school sponsored events by students in kindergarten through grade eight. The Act requires local school systems and public schools to implement such policies and procedures, ensure that parents, guardians, and students are aware of such policies and procedures, and review the effectiveness of such policies and procedures. The Act requires the Department of Education to provide guidance and technical support to local school systems and public schools. The Act provides that the requirements in this Code section cannot be waived.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-324.8. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 360; SB 63

This Act requires local school systems that offer enrolled students the PSAT, SAT, PreACT, ACT, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or any advanced placement exam to also make such exam or test equally available to any home study student residing within such local school system.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-324.8. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 16; SB 123

This Act revises provisions of the state's compulsory school attendance laws to provide that no student shall be expelled by a public school due solely to absenteeism. The Act requires each county student attendance and school climate committee to adopt certain protocols, and further provides that local boards of education adopt policies and procedures to identify and develop intervention plans for chronically absent students. The Act provides that students taking tests and physical exams

for military service shall be credited as present by their school for any time away from school for such tests or exams.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-690, 20-2-690.1, 20-2-690.2, 20-2-692.1, 20-2-693, 20-2-699, and 20-4-141 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-690.3 and 20-2-692.4. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 15; SB 82

This Act, the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025," provides for the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the State Charter Schools Commission, to establish a program for the purposes of promoting and supporting the approval of new local charter school petitions by local boards of education and to provide incentive grants of up to \$250,000.00 per year for up to three years to local boards of education that approve new local charter school petitions. The Act provides for accountability for local boards of education that deny two or more local charter school petitions whereupon the corresponding state charter school petition is approved by the State Charter Schools Commission during a certain period, requires local boards of education to provide certain written statements to the State Board of Education and the Office of Charter School Compliance upon denying such local charter school petitions, and provides for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions. The Act requires the Office of Charter School Compliance to provide technical assistance to local school systems and to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-2064, 20-2-2069, and 20-2-2070 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-2064.2.

Effective April 28, 2025.

#### Act 127; HB 150

This Act enacts the "Combating Threats from Foreign Countries of Concern Act of 2025 – Higher Education," which requires the university system to submit semiannual reports to the Governor and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Higher Education and the Senate Committee on Higher Education regarding certain funding received from foreign countries, entities, and individuals of concern.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-84. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 304; SB 20

This Act provides for tuition grants to the children and spouses of certain public employees, including public school employees and public school teachers, killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. The Act further provides for charitable contributions to such grants through income tax returns and the issuance and renewal of drivers' licenses and identification cards. The Act provides for the purchase of educational loans made to veterinarians who practice shelter medicine or in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics in this state in exchange for services rendered by such veterinarians in such capacities. The Act revises the composition of the State Veterinary Education Board, revises the quorum requirements for such board, authorizes such board to create committees

to exercise its authority in regard to certain loan purchases, and requires such board to establish and maintain separate programs for such loan purchases.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-316.2, 20-3-450, 20-3-451, 20-3-452, 20-3-453, 20-3-455, 20-3-518.1, and 20-3-518.2 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-466 and Part 6B of Article 7 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-3.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 118; HB 38

This Act expands the definition of "eligible student" for the College Completion Grant to modify the credit completion requirement from 80 percent for all programs to 70 percent for four-year programs and 45 percent for two-year programs. The Act extends the automatic repeal date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2029.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-360 and 20-3-366. Effective May 12, 2025.

#### Act 21; SB 149

This Act revises what constitutes an approved school for purposes of tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-411. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 119; HB 172

This Act allows the State Veterinary Education Board to enter into loan purchase agreements with students or former students whose veterinary medicine practice includes food animal specialties and who have been practicing such specialties for ten years or less. The Act increases the loan purchase rate per 12 months of service and increases the total maximum amount of a loan purchase agreement. The Act further requires an applicant to enter into a contract for a period of three consecutive years and revises various provisions related to an applicant's contract eligibility.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-518.3 through 20-3-518.5. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 120; SB 85

This Act enacts the "Georgia Foster Care Scholarship Act" which directs the Georgia Student Finance Authority to establish the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship program to provide grants to former foster youth meeting certain eligibility criteria. The program is subject to appropriations and limits grant awards to undergraduate level postsecondary education. The Act authorizes the Georgia Student Finance Authority to suspend an eligible postsecondary institution from the program for neglecting to refund moneys in certain instances. The Act also authorizes the Georgia Student Finance Authority to monitor, collect, and evaluate enrollment and student record data for such grant program. The Act further provides that any person applying for such grant or assisting a person in applying for such grant who knowingly makes or furnishes any false statement or misrepresentation

for the purpose of enabling an ineligible student to wrongfully obtain such grant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Act enacts Part 2 of Article 12 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-3.

The Act shall become effective only if the Georgia Foster Care Scholarship Program provided for in this Act is funded in an appropriations Act making specific reference to such program and shall become effective when funds so appropriated become available for expenditure.

#### Act 19; SB 180

This Act authorizes apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. The Act provides for completion awards to apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts and further provides for certain limitations to be applied to such contracts and related funding.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-4-151 and 20-4-154. Effective April 28, 2025.

#### Act 20; SB 193

This Act authorizes the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish an adult workforce high school diploma program to allow eligible students to be awarded a high school diploma. The Act authorizes the board to approve program providers and provides for an application process. The Act allows for the waiver of or variances from state and federal rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. The Act authorizes the board to promulgate rules and regulations. The Act provides standards for approved program providers and provides for probationary status and revocation of approval of such providers. The Act provides for calculation of average cost per graduate and graduation rates. The Act provides, subject to appropriations, for payments to approved program providers based on milestones, reporting by such providers, and proper uses of funds by such providers. The Act provides for reporting by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

The Act enacts Article 9 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-4. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 12; HB 81

This Act enacts the "Interstate Compact for School Psychologists" and provides for member states to grant equivalent licenses to qualifying individuals to practice school psychology. The Act further provides for criminal background checks. The Act provides for conditions related to state participation in the compact. The Act establishes the school psychologist interstate licensure compact commission as a joint government agency. The Act provides that compact comes into effect when enacted into law in a seventh member state. The Act authorizes the Professional Standards Commission to promulgate rules to implement the compact in Georgia.

The Act enacts Article 3 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-6. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 21 ELECTIONS

#### Act 293; SB 199

This Act prohibits the State Ethics Commission from initiating an investigation of a candidate within 60 days of an election. The Act provides that campaign and personal finance disclosure reports for local elected officials shall be filed with the State Ethics Commission rather than locally. The Act provides that a public officer or candidate shall affirm his or her duty to complete all statutorily mandated training and supplemental education for his or her respective office when qualifying for an election to a county governing authority or local board of education. The Act provides for uniform reporting dates for campaigns with respect to all levels of office and provides for registration of various political action committees. The Act requires certain political action committees to maintain bank accounts and provides for detailed disclosure reporting for certain political action committees. The Act amends reporting dates for personal financial disclosure statements for office holders and candidates and lobbyists. The Act revises provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders and provides that the State Ethics Commission shall redact any identifiable home addresses from any records the commission discloses, posts, or releases to the public.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-5-7, 21-5-34, 21-5-50, 21-5-51, and 21-5-73. Effective January 1, 2026.

## TITLE 25 FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY

#### Act 274; HB 614

This Act authorizes local governments to prohibit the use or ignition of consumer fireworks in proximity to facilities housing equines in a confined area. The Act provides that such prohibitions may include provisions that authorize the issuance of special event permits to allow such use or ignition of consumer fireworks.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 25-10-2. Effective July 1, 2025.

# TITLE 26 FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS

#### Act 193; HB 398

This Act permits cottage food production operations to sell items directly to people, grocery stores, and restaurants. The Act requires retail food establishments to post signage stating that cottage food items are not subject to commercial food regulations or inspections. The Act further requires sellers of cottage food items to provide information about the cottage food operators that produced such items and a notice that such items were produced at a residential property exempt from state

inspection and that the items may contain allergens. The Act further requires placement of such information in certain areas on or around the product. The Act further requires cottage food items to be displayed in a separate section of the store. The Act authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to adopt rules and regulations to enforce the Act and authorizes the Department of Agriculture to investigate the residence of a cottage food operator in certain situations. The Act provides for penalties for certain violations. The Act permits local governing authorities to prohibit cottage food operators from selling cottage food items through third-party vendors. The Act otherwise prohibits local governing authorities from regulating cottage food items.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 26-2-21, 26-2-200, and 26-2-370 and enacts Article 19 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 26-2 and O.C.G.A. Section 36-60-33.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 126; SB 6

This Act authorizes the use of drug analysis equipment to determine whether a controlled substance or its packaging has been adulterated.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 26-3-22. Effective July 1, 2025.

# TITLE 27 GAME AND FISH

#### Act 178; HB 287

This Act extends the effective date for criminal violations of rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources. The Act authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to issue a limited courtesy fishing or hunting license to any person who is paralyzed or disabled and who is participating in an organized fishing or hunting event which is sponsored and conducted by a nonprofit charitable association or the department. The Act provides for resident shellfish crew licensing and exempts from certain requirements harvesters operating under a master harvester who has purchased such a license.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-2-2, 27-1-39, 27-2-4.2, 27-2-4.4, 27-2-23, 27-4-190, and 52-7-26.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 268; HB 491

This Act extends the repeal date for a provision allowing the use of air guns for hunting big game during primitive weapon hunts, primitive weapon seasons, and firearm seasons. The Act expands the prohibition of taking catfish by bow and arrow to prohibit taking any catfish from any waters of this state except under limited conditions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 27-3-4 and 27-4-34. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 84; HB 167

This Act authorizes the use of fluorescent pink outer garments when hunting or accompanying a person hunting feral hogs, bears, or deer.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 27-3-24, 27-3-25, and 27-3-40. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 28 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### Act 314; SB 255

This Act provides a process for the Senate and the House of Representatives to authorize committees of each chamber and joint committees to exercise statutory investigatory powers. The Act enumerates such investigatory powers and provides for the confidential treatment of material and information in the course of such investigations. The Act provides for subpoena powers and procedures in the case of refusal to obey such a subpoena. The Act preserves existing authority, immunity, privileges, and powers granted to or possessed by the General Assembly, the Senate, the House of Representatives, any committee of either chamber or joint committees, and the members thereof.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 28-1-17. Effective May 14, 2025.

#### Act 22; HB 484

This Act provides for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws. The Act also provides for the creation of a permanent digital repository of the Georgia Laws that would make all local and general Acts and resolutions of the General Assembly available for public access.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 28-4-3 and 28-9-3. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 29 GUARDIAN AND WARD

#### Act 283; SB 98

This Act provides for respective rights and responsibilities of county conservators and county guardians. The Act requires county administrators to serve as ex officio county conservators. The Act provides for the change of designation of county guardian to county conservator by operation of law under certain circumstances unless contrary to an order of the court.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 29-1-1, 29-3-7, 29-3-71, 29-3-90, 29-5-3, 29-5-72, 29-5-100, 29-8-1 through 29-8-5, 29-10-7, 53-6-35, and 53-6-36 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 29-8-6. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 114; HB 36

This Act revises the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the process for appointment of a guardian or a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination processes of such guardianship or conservatorship, and the appointment process concerning an emergency guardian or conservator. The Act provides that the proposed ward's legal counsel may challenge the sufficiency and weight of the results of any evaluation of the proposed ward, as well as the qualifications of the professional performing the evaluation. The Act also provides that the proposed ward shall have the right to present evidence and argument not presented by the proposed ward's legal counsel and requires certain standards of evidence. The Act provides for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 29-1-1, 29-4-1, 29-4-10, 29-4-11, 29-4-12, 29-4-14, 29-4-15, 29-4-16, 29-4-41, 29-4-42, 29-4-70, 29-5-1, 29-5-10, 29-5-11, 29-5-12, 29-5-14, 29-5-15, 29-5-16, 29-5-23, 29-5-71, 29-5-72, 29-5-110, and 29-9-16.

Effective July 1, 2025.

#### TITLE 31 HEALTH

#### Act 41; HB 428

This Act provides that nothing in Georgia law prohibits or prevents an individual from obtaining in vitro fertilization in this state.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 31-1-26. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 44; HB 584

This Act reassigns licensing and oversight of drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The Act provides for the continuation and enforcement of rules and regulations and for the continuation of current, valid licenses issued to drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs. The Act further provides for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to license, investigate, penalize, and assess drug abuse treatment and education programs, narcotic treatment programs, community living arrangements, and adult residential mental health programs. The Act authorizes the commissioner for such department to order the emergency relocation of residents from such licensee's facilities and the emergency placement of a monitor in such licensee's facilities. The Act further provides for mandatory reporting of abuse or exploitation of a resident or former resident of a community living arrangement.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-5-100, 26-5-3, 26-5-6, 26-5-7, 26-5-10, 26-5-23, 26-5-41, 26-5-43, 26-5-44, 26-5-47, 26-5-56, 31-2-4, 31-2-8, 31-7-2.2, 31-7-430, 31-8-81, 37-3-202,

37-3-205, 37-3-206, 37-3-208.1, 37-3-211, 37-3-215, and 50-18-160 and enacts Article 3 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 37-2 and O.C.G.A. Chapter 37-13.

Effective January 1, 2026.

#### Act 43; HB 89

This Act requires healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, and pharmacies to provide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee with psychiatric records. The Act provides for the establishment of the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee, the appointment of members and the chairperson of the committee, and the duties of the committee. The Act further provides for procedures for a hospital to be designated as a regional perinatal center. The Act requires the Department of Public Health to present a plan for designated perinatal centers in each region. The Act authorizes the department to promulgate rules and regulations for the Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee. The Act authorizes the release of patient and former patient records to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee. The Act removes the requirement that a medical examiner's inquiry for pregnant female deaths be done through a regional perinatal center.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-2A-16, 37-3-166, and 45-16-24 and enacts Article 4 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-2A.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 275; HB 645

This Act repeals certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing by residents and direct care staff persons in long-term care facilities. The Act also lowers the age at which hospitals are required to offer the flu vaccine to discharged patients from 50 years of age or older to 18 years of age or older.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-18 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-12.6. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 185; SB 130

This Act includes certain medical facilities that provide medical education and training through certain accredited residency or fellowship programs as eligible recipients of certain state funding. The Act further revises the "Physicians, Dentists, Physician Assistants, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses for Rural Areas Assistance Act" so as to include physicians in certain accredited residency or fellowship programs as eligible recipients of loans under the service cancelable loan program.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-7-95, 31-34-2, and 31-34-4. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 184; SB 100

This Act enacts "Andee's Law," which allows an individual who was adopted and for whom a new birth certificate was issued after his or her adoption to obtain a copy of his or her original birth certificate. The Act provides that such a copy of the original birth certificate shall not constitute a certified copy and shall not be used for legal purposes. The Act allows any parent, sibling, or descendant of such individual, if such an individual is deceased, to receive a copy of the individual's

original birth certificate. The Act further replaces the phrases "certificate of birth" and "certificates of birth" with "birth certificate" and "birth certificates," respectively, throughout the O.C.G.A.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 19-3-36, 19-7-46.1, 31-10-1, 31-10-6, 31-10-8, 31-10-9, 31-10-9.1, 31-10-10, 31-10-11, 31-10-12, 31-10-13, 31-10-14, 31-10-23, 31-10-26, 31-10-28, 31-10-31, and 31-10-33.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 83; SB 58

This Act enacts the "Georgia Transporting Life-Saving Organs and Personnel Act," which authorizes the licensing and operation of emergency organ transport vehicles as ambulance services on public roadways. The Act, with respect to such vehicles, further establishes insurance requirements, mandates compliance with certain rules and regulations, and provides exemptions from requirements relative to the Emergency Medical Systems Communications Program, medical advisors, and certain emergency vehicle permits.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-11-2, 31-11-3, 31-11-7, 31-11-31, 31-11-33, 31-11-34, 31-11-50, 40-1-1, and 40-8-92.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 122; SB 72

This Act enacts the "Hope for Georgia Patients Act." The Act provides for requirements for an eligible patient to receive individualized investigational treatment such as investigational drugs, biological products, and devices. The Act authorizes entities to provide investigational treatment to eligible patients and eligible patients to request such treatment. The Act further authorizes health benefit plans and government agencies to provide coverage for the cost of any such treatment but does not require health benefit plans and governmental agencies to cover the costs of such treatment or healthcare facilities to provide new or additional services associated with such treatment. The Act prohibits the Georgia Composite Medical Board and the Department of Community Health from taking action against a physician or healthcare provider for treatment of an eligible patient with an individualized investigational treatment. The Act further prohibits state officials, employees, and agents from preventing an eligible patient from accessing an individualized investigational treatment. The Act limits the causes of action against individuals, including physicians, and entities involved in the care of an eligible patient. The Act exempts an eligible patient's heirs or estates from paying any debt remaining for individualized investigational treatments if such treatment caused the eligible patient's death.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-52-1, 31-52-3, 31-52-4, 31-52-6 through 31-52-8, and 31-52-10; redesignates O.C.G.A. Sections 31-52-1 through 31-52-10 as new Article 1 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-52; and enacts Article 2 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-52.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 32 HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES

## Act 180; HB 224

This Act authorizes the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct and maintain private roads on military bases and installations with federal funds pursuant to agreements with the United States Department of Defense or other federal entities acting on behalf of the department.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 32-1-8. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 273; HB 575

This Act provides for the Department of Transportation to acquire the common property from a condominium association or property owners' association and authorizes the department to negotiate such acquisition with the authorized boards of such associations in lieu of individual property owners. The Act provides for the conveyance of such common property to the department by such an authorized board on behalf of all owners of the property unless specified to the contrary in an applicable recorded instrument or declaration. The Act authorizes the department to bring actions against such associations in lieu of individual property owners, except where an individual property owner is directly impacted by a proposed property acquisition in relation to other owners, and provides that individual property owners shall be bound by judgments against such authorized associations.

The Act also authorizes notice by electronic means of certain public hearings by the Department of Transportation, authorizes the establishment and administration by the department of a program for the clearing of rights of way and the removal of wrecked or abandoned heavy duty vehicles from the rights of way of interstate highways and limited access highways, and provides for payment of costs relating to removal or relocation of public utilities through agreement between the department and utility provider.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 32-2-3, 32-6-2, and 32-6-170 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 32-3-2.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 174; HB 164

This Act repeals an automatic repeal provision regarding an allowable variance for weight limitations on a vehicle or load hauling certain commodities within a specified range and areas of the state. The Act provides for the enforcement of such provisions by local law enforcement officers in addition to the Department of Public Safety.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 32-6-26 through 32-6-30. Effective July 1, 2025.

# TITLE 33 INSURANCE

## Act 265; HB 410

This Act revises various provisions relating to efficiency in the practices of the Department of Insurance, including, but not limited to, deposit requirements for foreign insurers, fee and licensing provisions for agency branches, and publication requirements, applications, and licensing provisions for certain insurers.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-3-8, 33-8-1, 33-14-5, 33-14-6, 33-14-8, 33-14-24, 33-14-25, 33-15-40, 33-15-41, 33-15-44, 33-16-3, 33-23-3, and 33-23-11. Effective May 14, 2025.

## Act 71; SB 201

This Act provides increased protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters for the repair, replacement, or mitigation of damage to the home caused by the disaster. The Act provides that failure to comply with such requirement is an unfair or deceptive practice in consumer transactions. The Act further prohibits insurers from selling homeowner's insurance policies that allow for the assignment of proceeds to a contractor within one year of a natural disaster which causes damage to the insured's primary residence.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-1-393 and 33-6-5.

Effective July 1, 2025, except that the amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 33-6-5 is effective January 1, 2026, and applies to all policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

## Act 287; SB 121

This Act provides requirements for minimum motor vehicle liability insurance coverage for individuals convicted of driving under the influence. The Act requires that such individuals keep proof of such coverage when operating a motor vehicle.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-10 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-7-16. Effective May 14, 2025, and applicable to convictions on or after such date.

#### Act 258; HB 348

This Act provides for the definition of the term "sponsor" for limited purpose subsidiaries. The Act expands the lines of insurance or reinsurance in which a limited purpose subsidiary and captive insurance company may engage.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-14-103, 33-41-2, and 33-41-3. Effective June 1, 2025.

## Act 277; SB 35

This Act increases the minimum notice period required before the nonrenewal of certain residential property insurance policies from 30 to 60 days.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-46.

Effective January 1, 2026, and applicable to any policies issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after such date.

## Act 42; HB 94

This Act requires certain health benefit policies to cover expenses for fertility preservation services when a medically necessary treatment for cancer, sickle cell disease, or lupus may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.34. Effective May 1, 2025.

## Act 299; SB 5

This Act provides for health insurers to implement and maintain a program allowing for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and such providers' adherence to evidence based medicine. The Act further requires coverage for healthcare services for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) and pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with a streptococcal infection (PANDAS) when such services are supported by nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines. The Act allows for deductibles but bars special deductibles.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 33-24-59.34, 33-46-20.1, and 45-18-4.2.

Effective July 1, 2025, and shall apply to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

## Act 183; SB 101

This Act requires certain health benefit policies to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices beginning January 1, 2026, and provides requirements for such coverage. The Act requires the commissioner of insurance to submit a report to the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee regarding the implementation of the coverage required by this Act by July 1, 2032.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.34.

Effective May 13, 2025.

## Act 75; SB 109

This Act prohibits, under certain circumstances, the issuance of a policy of group life insurance in this state that excludes or restricts coverage for death occurring while the insured is serving in the regular or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-25-5.

Effective June 1, 2025.

## Act 303; HB 197

This Act requires a private review agent or utilization review entity to contact a patient's treating provider by implementing a callback telecommunications system or utilizing a public website whereby such provider can arrange for scheduled communication at a later time in the event that a clinical peer is unavailable in instances where such private review agent or utilization review entity is questioning the medical necessity of care. The Act further provides for health insurers to implement and maintain a program allowing for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers' performance and such providers' adherence to evidence based medicine.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-46-6 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-46-20.1.

Effective January 1, 2026, and applicable to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state on or after such date.

## TITLE 34 LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

## Act 46; SB 55

This Act enacts the "Dignity and Pay Act," which repeals provisions authorizing exemptions to the state minimum wage law for persons with disabilities. The Act prohibits employers from utilizing certificates issued by the United States Department of Labor pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 214(c) to pay individuals with disabilities less than the federal minimum wage and provides exceptions to such prohibition so as to phase out the payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 34-6A-4 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 34-4-4. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 292; SB 191

This Act defines "issue date" to mean the date on which the department releases a determination or decision to an interested party by mail, hand delivery, or electronically with such party's consent. The Act provides for the promulgation of rules consistent with due process. The Act further provides for such issue date to be used to establish the finality of any determination or decision made by the department, a hearing officer, or the board of review.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 34-8-192, 34-8-220, 34-8-221, and 34-8-223 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 34-8-53.

Effective January 1, 2026.

## TITLE 35 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES

## Act 67; HB 116

This Act changes the name of a division within the Department of Public Safety from the "Motor Carrier Compliance Division" to the "Commercial Vehicle Enforcement" and further, within such division, renames the "Motor Carrier Compliance Enforcement Section" to the "Regulatory Compliance Section."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 35-2-100 through 35-2-102, 40-1-52, and 40-2-82. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 68; HB 161

This Act expands the scope of cyber enabled offense investigations for which certain Georgia Bureau of Investigation officials may issue, with the Attorney General's consent, subpoenas compelling the production of certain electronic communication records. The Act revises the consequences for failure to obey such subpoenas and, subject to certain conditions and limitations, prohibits the public disclosure of the issuance of such subpoenas. The Act further provides a definition for "assassination" and repeals the definition for "domestic terrorism" and establishes the crime of domestic terrorism.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-11-220, 16-11-221, 16-14-3, 20-3-10, 35-3-4.1, 36-80-23, and 38-3-40.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Veto No. 3; HB 433

This Act authorizes the Department of Human Services to access restricted and sealed information to determine eligibility for employment, verify eligibility for foster parents, and to conduct regulatory oversight in certain instances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 35-3-37.

## Act 309; HB 238

This Act requires the Georgia Public Safety Training Center to create a training course for peace officers, emergency medical personnel, and behavioral health co-responders on responding to at-risk adults, including those individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 35-5-8.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 36 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Act 289; SB 138

This Act provides for the transition of police and law enforcement services and certain other government services being provided in a special district to newly created municipalities in certain counties. The Act provides for the transfer of certain taxes, fees, and charges to newly created municipalities in certain counties. The Act also provides that the incorporation of a new municipality in certain counties shall not require such counties or municipalities to renegotiate any service delivery strategy agreements. The Act further provides that newly created municipalities within certain counties shall not be required to repay the costs of certain special elections to the county. The Act provides remedies for a county's failure to comply with the provisions of the Act. The Act revises provisions related to census data and taxes on life insurance and other insurance companies related to newly incorporated municipalities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-8-8.1 and 33-8-8.2 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 36-31-11.2.

Effective May 14, 2025.

## Act 128; HB 155

This Act revises the annexation dispute resolution process by extending the timeline for appointing an arbitration panel and allowing both the municipality and the county to strike or excuse certain arbitrators. The Act defines the types of land use decisions that are considered "quasi-judicial" and provides for appellate procedures for review of quasi-judicial decisions and zoning decisions. The Act prohibits certain county development authorities from acquiring property in connection with a property tax incentive project within certain municipalities. The Act also requires a county-wide referendum for any municipal annexations based on the length of a street, street right of way, creek, river, railroad, or other public service corporation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 5-6-34, 5-6-35, 36-36-20, 36-36-114, 36-36-115, and 36-66-2 through 36-66-5.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 36-62-4.1.

Effective July 1, 2025, except that Part I is effective January 1, 2026. Part II applies to all zoning and quasi-judicial decisions occurring on and after such date; provided, however, that no zoning or quasi-judicial decision occurring prior to December 31, 2026, shall be rendered invalid or void if a local government fails to implement the provisions set out in O.C.G.A. 36-66-5.1.

## Act 295; SB 252

This Act provides municipalities the authority, with consideration, to lease out, grant easements over, and convey any real or personal property used for recreation to independent schools for educational purposes. The Act further provides that if such property is conveyed, the governing authority of such municipality shall subsequently replace such property with one or more properties which are determined by such governing authority to be of equal or greater acreage and of substantially equivalent or greater benefit to the citizens of such municipality, and the cumulative impact of conveyances shall not result in the municipality losing acreage.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-37-6.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 270; HB 513

This Act permits the continuance of existing local ordinances adopted by local governments prior to May 6, 2024, related to the placement of video surveillance at gas stations. The Act amends criteria related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services to be borne by unincorporated residents and provides for an annual report thereof.

This Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-60-32, 36-70-24, and 36-70-28.

Effective July 1, 2025, for purposes of authorizing the continuance of existing local ordinances related to the placement of video surveillance at gas stations as provided by Section 1 of the Act and effective January 1, 2026, for purposes of service delivery strategy criteria as provided by Sections 2 and 3 of the Act.

## Act 266; HB 416

This Act revises the class of retailers from which local governing bodies may assess and collect annual enterprise zone infrastructure fees so that such fees may only be assessed and collected from those retailers within certain redevelopment projects that are making certain sales transactions exempted from sales and use taxes. The Act further extends the period of existence of certain enterprise zones to 30 years from the first issuance of certain revenue bonds by local governments in connection with development or infrastructure within the enterprise zone.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-88-6 and 36-88-10. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 37 MENTAL HEALTH

#### Act 294; SB 233

This Act revises the composition of the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission by adding additional members. The Act further replaces the Involuntary Commitment and the Workforce and System Development subcommittees of the commission with the Addictive Diseases and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities subcommittees, respectively. The Act extends the date that the commission shall be abolished from June 30, 2025, to December 31, 2026.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 37-1-112, 37-1-115, and 37-1-116. Effective May 14, 2025.

# TITLE 38 MILITARY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Act 130; HB 325

This Act includes certain protective orders issued by military judges in the Georgia Protective Order Registry. The Act revises the term military judge. The Act authorizes members of organized militias to petition military judges for protective orders against other such members for stalking. The Act authorizes punishment by contempt for violation of such orders. The Act authorizes trial by court-martial for contempt.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 19-13-51, 38-2-1001, 38-2-1048, and 38-2-1092 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 38-2-1006.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 65; HB 423

This Act provides for the requirements of a 9-1-1 system to qualify as a Next Generation 9-1-1 system (NG9-1-1). The Act revises the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority to enforce commonly accepted standards for a state-wide NG9-1-1 system and identify the changes or enhancements to employ such system state wide. The Act further requires the authority to administer the deployment of a 9-1-1 service for emerging communications technologies and to establish policies and procedures to monitor, maintain, and ensure such service and matters related to such service functions across the state. The Act provides for the executive director of the Georgia Technology Authority, a subject matter expert in cybersecurity, and a subject matter expert in geographic information systems data to be members of the board of directors of the authority. The Act requires the executive director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to be the state 9-1-1 administrator for federal and state law and program requirements. The Act requires the authority to cooperate with the Public Service Commission to support the timely implementation of NG9-1-1. The Act prohibits the establishment of an emergency 9-1-1 system or expansion of an existing system to provide wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service without written confirmation from the authority that the local plan conforms to the relevant guidelines. The Act further prohibits the authority from denying the establishment of a new system or expansion if the local plan conforms to the relevant guidelines.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 38-3-181 through 38-3-183, 46-5-122, 46-5-124, 46-5-126, and 46-5-127.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 179; HB 53

This Act expands who is eligible for burial in Georgia veterans cemeteries to include certain members of the reserve components of the United States armed forces and their spouses, minor children, and unmarried adult children. The Act authorizes the Department of Veterans Service to charge fees for burial services.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 38-4-70. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 40 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

## Veto No. 1; HB 308

This Act provides for a definition of a "miniature on-road vehicle." The Act further provides for requirements and procedures for registration and licensing of miniature on-road vehicles. The Act further provides for the regulation of miniature on-road vehicles, including, but not limited to, where such vehicles can be operated, the required equipment for the vehicles, and local authority to prohibit the vehicles. The Act allows a court to order the installation of an intelligent speed assistance device in the vehicle operated by a driver who was found guilty of reckless stunt driving. The Act provides for the procedures for installing such device and the penalty for the driver for driving without the device installed when under a court order. The Act allows a driver to sign a citation and requires an officer to advise that a failure to sign the citation results in the driver having to appear for trial. The Act further requires the officer to write "Refusal to Sign" on the citation and give the citation to the driver who refused to sign. The Act provides for the taxation of a miniature on-road vehicle.

Amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-1, 40-2-27, 40-2-31, 40-2-33, 40-2-151, 40-3-30.1, 40-6-359, 40-6-360, 40-6-361, 40-6-362, 40-6-371, 40-6-390.1, 40-8-73.1, 40-13-2.1, and 48-5-473.

## Act 66; HB 114

This Act revises the definition of "present regulations" relative to the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles so as to incorporate the federal regulations promulgated under 49 C.F.R. that are in force and effect on January 1, 2025, rather than on January 1, 2024.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-1-8.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 257; HB 339

This Act exempts ride share network services from liability for actions of ride share drivers where there has been no negligence or criminal misconduct by such rideshare network services, where such ride share network services conduct criminal background checks at least once every two years, and where such rideshare network services are in compliance with other statutory requirements. The Act provides a definition for the term "elderly or disabled passenger" and makes conforming changes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-1-100 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 40-1-201. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 272; HB 551

This Act provides for extensive revisions for the process of issuing temporary operating permits for the operation of motor vehicles during the registration process of a motor vehicle. The Act authorizes the issuance of temporary operating permits by third party vendors and standards for the establishment of an electronic issuance system for such permits and includes standards for access and suspension of access to such system. The Act further amends standards for the issuance of master license plates for motor vehicle dealers. The Act authorizes access to Department of

Revenue motor vehicle records by certain parties. The Act also revises provisions relating to the immobilization of trespassing vehicles on private property and requires the issuance of a permit in order to conduct such business. The Act prohibits registration of a motor vehicle through a passive entity for purposes of avoiding the payment of ad valorem taxes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-2-8, 40-2-8.1, 40-2-33, 40-2-38, 40-2-130, 40-3-23, 40-3-33, 43-47-2, 44-1-13, and 48-5C-1.

Effective January 1, 2026.

## Act 187; HB 208

This Act provides for the issuance of up to two free license plates to disabled veterans and for specialty license plates honoring the Shepherd Center, Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Southern University Alumni, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alabama State University, the state parks and historic sites division of the Department of Natural Resources, and the conservation and enhancement of black bass populations. The Act further provides qualifications and application for disabled veterans to receive two free license plates.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-2-69, 40-2-70, 40-2-71, and 40-2-86.

Effective July 1, 2025, except for Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5, which shall become effective January 1, 2026.

## Act 301; SB 291

This Act provides for the manufacture and issuance of a special license plate displaying an image of the American flag and the words "America First". The Act further provides that funds from the sale of such license plate shall be deposited into the general fund.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-2-86.1.

Effective January 1, 2026.

## Act 256; HB 296

This Act provides that a physical driver's license shall be used as proper identification to present to a poll worker at a polling place. The Act requires the presentation of a physical driver's license for the sale of a hunting, trapping, or fishing license when the sale is not made through telecommunications or over the internet. The Act further requires the presentation of a physical driver's license when using a driver's license as proof of residency for a lifetime sportsman's license. The Act requires law enforcement officers to accept a driver's license issued in an electronic format by the Department of Driver Services displayed upon the demand of a law enforcement officer when the officer has the proper equipment to verify a license issued in an electronic format. The Act requires all law enforcement officers to acquire the proper equipment to verify such licenses by July 1, 2027. The Act requires a person applying for a certificate of title for a special modified rental vehicle or a for-hire charter bus or motor coach to pay 50 percent of title ad valorem taxes at the time of filing such application and requires the remaining 50 percent to be paid within 12 months of filing such application.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-2-417, 27-2-2, 27-2-3.1, 40-5-29, and 48-5C-1. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 42 PENAL INSTITUTIONS

## Act 69; SB 185

This Act prohibits the use of state funds or resources for certain treatments for state inmates, including sex reassignment surgeries and other surgical procedures performed for the purpose of altering primary or secondary sexual characteristics, hormone replacement therapies, and cosmetic procedures or prosthetics intended to alter the appearance of primary or secondary sexual characteristics. The Act requires the Board of Corrections to adopt rules and regulations regarding such prohibited treatments and provides certain limited instances in which such treatments shall be authorized.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 42-5-2. Effective May 8, 2025.

## Act 312; SB 147

This Act provides that the Department of Corrections shall provide certain persons released from confinement with certain documents that may assist such persons in obtaining post-release employment.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 42-5-64. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 43 PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES

#### Act 89; HB 579

This Act gives the director of the professional licensing boards division in the office of the Secretary of State the ability to issue, renew, and reinstate licenses and to grant approval for applicants for the issuance of a professional license to take an examination required to obtain such license on behalf of the professional licensing boards. The Act removes the capitol from the list of permissible locations for meetings and hearings of professional licensing boards. The Act requires the division director to make available on the website of the Secretary of State a roster for each professional licensing board that includes the names of all current licensees and individuals who have been issued cease and desist orders for engaging in the practice of a business or profession without a license. The Act allows the division director to use means other than obtaining a transcript to determine whether an applicant has satisfied postsecondary education requirements for obtaining a license. The Act provides for the renewal of professional licenses and certificates for up to 45 days after the expiration of such licenses or certificates. The Act removes the requirement for notice and a hearing before the Governor removes from office a member of a professional licensing board for specified causes. The Act provides that rules and regulations promulgated by professional licensing boards shall be limited to those that are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Act eliminates separate standards committees for each specialty on the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-2, 43-1-3, 43-1-4, 43-1-17, and 43-1-26; repeals O.C.G.A. Section 43-10A-6; and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-1-3.1. Effective July 1, 2026.

## Act 87; HB 148

This Act enacts the "Public Accountancy Act of 2025," which provides for alternative education and experience options to becoming a certified public accountant. The Act revises provisions related to firms practicing public accountancy to reflect such alternative education and experience options. The Act changes the term "substantial equivalency practice privileges" to "mobility practice privileges."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-81-8.1, 43-3-1, 43-3-9, 43-3-10, 43-4-12, 43-3-16, 43-3-18, 43-3-21, 43-3-23, 43-3-27, 43-3-28, 43-3-30, and 43-3-31. Effective January 1, 2026.

## Act 88; HB 322

This Act revises provisions regarding the issuance of dental licenses so as to allow dentists who graduated from nonaccredited dental programs to obtain instructional licenses. The Act provides that such persons shall submit letters of recommendation to verify qualifications, shall have practiced in another jurisdiction without license revocation, never failed the state dental licensure examination, and shall have a current CPR certification. The Act further provides that this process of qualification shall only apply to instructional dentistry practices.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-11-42. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 79; HB 567

This Act authorizes the practice of teledentistry under certain conditions and limitations and provides for the regulation of such practice by the Georgia Board of Dentistry. The Act permits coverage for dental care provided via teledentistry under dental benefit plans issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026, and prohibits certain acts relating to the administration of such plans.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.15 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-11-54. Effective January 1, 2026.

## Act 93; SB 125

This Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-14 with respect to professional licenses for and other provisions relating to electrical contractors, plumbers, conditioned air contractors, low voltage contractors, and utility contractors. The Act requires compliance with continuing education requirements prior to the renewal of certain licenses and establishes a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements. The Act provides for additional licensing requirements and requirements for license renewals and inactive licenses. The Act provides for approval of safety training. The Act provides for qualifications of the State Construction Industry Licensing Board. The Act provides for certain

restrictions relating to classes of certain licenses. The Act decouples the sequential order of experience and examination requirements for professional engineers.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-14 and O.C.G.A. Sections 8-2-26, 8-2-102, 10-5B-3 through 10-5B-5, 10-5B-7, 36-60-12.1, 43-15-9, 43-41-2, 43-41-17, 46-3-30 through 46-3-35, 46-3-37, 46-3-39, and 46-3-40 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-1-4.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 82; SB 241

This Act authorizes organic human reduction as a means of disposing of dead human bodies. The Act establishes requirements for and provides for the regulation of organic human reduction facilities. The Act requires licensure by the State Board of Funeral Service to operate any such facility but provides a limited exception for licensed funeral establishments and crematories.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-14-3, 31-10-1, 31-10-20, 31-10-28, 31-21-4, 31-21-44.1, 31-21-44.2, 36-12-5, 43-18-1, 43-18-5, 43-18-8, 43-18-9, 43-18-22, 43-18-46, 43-18-70, 43-18-71, 43-18-73 through 43-18-75, and 43-18-77 through 43-18-80 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-18-72.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 194; SB 140

This Act authorizes doctors of optometry to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents, other than controlled substances, to patients under certain conditions. The Act further provides that such conditions include requiring the optometrist to be on the premises when any pharmaceutical agent is dispensed to a patient, inform the patient of the appropriate use of the agent, document certain information, maintain certain records, and comply with certain rules and regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 26-4-130, 43-30-1, and 43-30-13. Effective May 13, 2025.

## Act 91; HB 635

This Act removes term limits for board members of the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors. The Act requires one member of the residential contractor and commercial divisions of the board to have experience as a public building official instead of requiring such member to be a public building official. The Act changes the number of members of a division required at a meeting of the board when the board is acting on a matter specifically delegated to that division from four to a majority of the board of the affected division. The Act provides procedures for verifying experience of direct employment by a licensed residential contractor for the purpose of eligibility for a residential-basic contractor license. The Act further provides procedures for verifying academic or practical experience or a combination of both for the purpose of eligibility for a residential-light or commercial general contractor license. The Act removes the requirement that a qualified applicant failing an examination for licensure pay a reexamination fee and the requirement that such applicant submit a new application if he or she failed four or more examinations in the past year. The Act further provides that, in addition to the other acts already listed, the board may refuse to grant a license, revoke a license, or discipline a

licensed individual for entering into the use of his or her license by an individual or business entity not authorized to engage in contracting or perform the functions of a contractor.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-41-3, 43-41-4, 43-41-6, and 43-41-16. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 90; HB 630

This Act makes changes to the appointment and membership of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers. The Act further removes the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers. The Act revises the requirements for obtaining a used motor vehicle dealers or used motor vehicle parts dealer license. The Act further provides additional requirements for change of location applications by such licensees.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-47-2 through 43-47-8, 43-47-8.2, 43-47-9, 43-47-10, 43-47-12, 43-47-14, 43-47-17, and 43-47-21.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 190; SB 105

This Act authorizes the practice of veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice and provides for oversight powers of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine over such practices. The Act provides for the requirements necessary for licensed veterinarians to practice veterinary telemedicine, veterinary teletriage, and veterinary teleadvice. The Act further permits graduates from foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine to become licensed veterinarians in Georgia and provides for such licensure requirements. The Act further permits licensed veterinarians who are graduates of foreign colleges or schools of veterinary medicine to lecture, give instructions, and give demonstrations in such person's area of expertise at an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine or school of veterinary technology, and in connection with a continuing education course or seminar.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-50-3, 40-50-21, 43-50-30, 43-50-31, and 43-50-44 and enacts Article 7 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-50.

Effective July 1, 2025, except Sections 4 and 5 of the Act are effective May 13, 2025.

## TITLE 44 PROPERTY

## Act 315; HB 399

This Act requires landlords who own or operate single-family or duplex residential rental property but who are not residents of Georgia to employ at least one person who is located within this state to be responsible for receiving, coordinating, managing, and responding to communications of such landlord related to such properties. The Act requires that tenants of residential rental property provide code enforcement officers with certain information about property managers who are licensed property brokers in certain circumstances. The Act removes certain exemptions to the licensing requirements for real estate brokers and salespersons.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-74-30 and 43-40-29 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-25. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 255; HB 270

This Act authorizes the expansion of the use of certain approved process servers in dispossessory proceedings.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-51. Effective July 1, 2025.

# TITLE 45 PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

## Act 113; HB 86

This Act provides for salary increases for Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, and the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and provides a salary for the judge of the Georgia Tax Court. The Act provides that such salaries shall be set by the General Assembly in the General Appropriations Act. The Act provides that such salaries shall not exceed a certain percentage of the salary set for judges of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-7-4.

Effective June 1, 2025, or July 1, 2025, contingent upon appropriations by the General Assembly, except Section 2 of the Act is effective July 1, 2026.

#### Act 64; HB 105

This Act enacts the "Daniel D. Podsiadly, Jr. Act," which requires the State Board of Workers' Compensation and law enforcement agencies to provide notifications regarding the Georgia State Indemnification Fund and the state temporary disability compensation program when certain peace officers become disabled in the line of duty. The Act also increases the indemnification award for certain state public school personnel killed in the line of duty.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-9-78 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 34-9-26 and 35-1-24. Effective May 8, 2025.

## Act 281; SB 56

This Act revises provisions relating to the Georgia State Indemnification Fund. The Act specifically revises provisions relating to indemnification of disability or death of public safety officers while in the line of duty, clarifies the authority of the Department of Administrative Services to make indemnification payments, authorizes the department to purchase annuities, and authorizes payments related to certain deaths related to COVID-19. The Act also provides timing requirements for submission of claims for indemnification.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 45-9-85, 45-9-86, and 45-9-88. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 1; SB 16

This Act permits elected officials who are members of a governing authority of a county, municipal corporation, or consolidated government, in addition to members of a local school board, to engage in the bail bond business. The Act further provides that a member of any such governing authority shall only engage in a bail bond business that is outside of the jurisdiction where such person holds office.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-11-8. Effective February 25, 2025.

## Act 267; HB 422

This Act requires the state employees' health insurance plan to include at least two high deductible health plans and provides for certain employees enrolled in such health plans to make pretax contributions to health savings accounts. The Act authorizes deductions from the salary, wages, or other compensation of such employees for such accounts. The Act encourages other governmental entities that offer such health plans to provide for pretax contributions to health savings accounts through deductions from their employees' salary, wages, or other compensation.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 45-18-3.1. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 307; HB 196

This Act provides for an insurer to reimburse a pharmacy for a drug dispensed to a covered person under a state health plan for self-administration in an amount at least equal to the national average drug acquisition cost on the day of claim administration and a minimum professional dispensing fee. The Act further provides that an insurer shall not circumvent such pharmacy reimbursement requirements. The Act authorizes the Commissioner of Insurance to enforce such pharmacy reimbursement requirements.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 45-18-22. Effective July 1, 2025.

# TITLE 46 PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## Act 296; SB 256

This Act requires that within six months following any transaction that causes an electric membership corporation to have more than 15 percent of its net utility plant invested in, lent to, or secured for the benefit of its EMC gas affiliate, excluding electric generation and transmission assets, an electric membership corporation shall disclose to its members the percentage of the electric membership corporation's net utility plant used to support such gas affiliate. The Act further provides that certain electric membership corporations shall be required to disclose to its members the annual cost of gas in aggregate that it sells and that such disclosure shall be made on an annual basis.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 46-4-164. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 47 RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS

## Act 63; HB 78

This Act amends the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law" by increasing the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may invest in alternative investments. The Act also increases the limit from 15 to 20 percent for the total percentage of funds that the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund may invest in alternative investments.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-87. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 264; HB 406

This Act provides for a calculation system of retirement benefits for individuals who first become members of the Judicial Retirement System after July 1, 2025, which causes a retired member to receive benefits associated with service as a superior court judge at the age of 65 instead of 60.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-23-45, 47-23-102, 47-23-103, 47-23-104, 47-23-105.1, and 47-23-106 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 47-23-102.1.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 48 REVENUE AND TAXATION

#### Act 370; HB 290

This Act provides for the revision of the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporates certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-1-2.

Effective May 14, 2025, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

## Act 290; SB 141

This Act extends, from 30 to 45 days, certain appeal and protest periods relating to state tax and fee assessments and refunds, the deferral period for payment of certain assessments and license fees, the notice period required before collection claims for unpaid assessments may be initiated, and the period for seeking reinstatement of a cancelled license. The Act also clarifies certain final determination provisions relating to federal income tax adjustments and provides for an extension of the preferential assessment periods applicable to certain historic properties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-2-35, 48-2-38, 48-2-45, 48-2-46, 48-2-54, 48-2-59, 48-5-7.2, 48-5-7.3, 48-6-76, 48-7-31, 48-7-82, and 48-9-12. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 5; HB 92

This Act revises provisions relative to a state-wide base year homestead exemption and procedures for a county, consolidated government, municipality, or school district to opt out of such exemption. The Act further provides requirements for property tax bills and calculating and certifying estimated roll-back rates. The Act provides for an exemption from local taxes regarding the sale or use of construction materials used in certain capital outlay projects for educational purposes and limits such exemption to projects for local school systems that have in effect certain homestead exemptions from property taxation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-5-2, 48-5-34, 48-5-44.2, 48-5-45, 48-5-306, 48-8-3, 48-8-6, 48-8-109.31, 48-8-109.32, and 48-8-109.33 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-306.2.

Effective April 1, 2025, and, except for Part I of the Act, applicable on and after such date. Part I of the Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2025.

## Act 78; HB 90

This Act increases the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conversation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7.4.

Effective January 1, 2027, only if an amendment to the Constitution increasing the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property is ratified by the voters at the November, 2026, state-wide general election. If such an amendment is not so ratified, then the Act shall not become effective and shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

## Act 251; HB 129

This Act revises provisions relating to qualifications for current use assessment of bona fide conservation use property so as to make certain exceptions to the prohibition on property qualifying as bona fide conservation use property if such property is leased to a person or entity that is not entitled to such conservation use assessment. The Act further renews a tax credit for postproduction companies for certain qualified postproduction expenditures by repealing a prohibition on such tax credit being available for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-5-7.4 and 48-7-40.26A.

Effective May 14, 2025, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

## Act 77; HB 586

This Act revises the duration for a long-term note secured by real estate for which an intangible recording tax is imposed from three years to 62 months.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-6-60, 48-6-66, and 48-6-68. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 7; HB 111

This Act reduces the rate of income tax applicable to residents from 5.39 percent to 5.19 percent beginning in the 2025 taxable year. The Act continues the 0.10 percent annual reduction in the rate of income tax for the 2026 and future taxable years until such rate reaches 4.99 percent.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-20.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

## Act 8; HB 112

This Act provides a one-time tax credit, in the amount of \$250.00 to single taxpayers or married taxpayers filing a separate return, \$375.00 to the head of a household, and \$500.00 to a married couple filing jointly, to qualified taxpayers filing their 2024 income tax returns.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-20.3.

Effective April 15, 2025.

#### Act 70; HB 223

This Act provides for temporary tax relief from ad valorem taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber from eligible property that was severely damaged or destroyed due to Hurricane Helene. The Act further provides for local governing authorities to adopt a resolution or an ordinance that declares its jurisdiction contains eligible timber property, consents to grant taxpayers relief, accepts required certification, and waives the levy and collection of payment of taxes for the final guarter of 2024 and each guarter of 2025. The Act authorizes the State Forestry Commission to establish and distribute a certification form, conduct audits of property and report findings to the tax collector or tax commissioner, and establish criteria for determining whether timber property is severely damaged or destroyed in disaster areas. The Act provides for the commissioner to provide grants to eligible governing authorities based on estimated revenue loss, subject to appropriations. The Act excludes income received as payments from a federal disaster relief or assistance grant program to address agricultural losses suffered due to Hurricane Helene in computation of taxable net income. The Act further provides for tax credits equal to 100 percent of such taxpayer's timber casualty loss, provided that such taxpaver completes either the restoration of each acre for which timber casualty losses were incurred or the replanting of timber within the county. The Act expands the definition of "agricultural production inputs" to include building materials used to repair or replace greenhouses and real property structures or fixtures used exclusively for the production of animals.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-27 and 48-8-3.3 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 48-5-33.1 and 48-7-40.37.

Effective May 8, 2025.

#### Act 181; HB 266

This Act increases the maximum amount of an income tax exemption for retirement benefits from military service for individuals under 65. The Act further revises a tax credit for contributions to law enforcement foundations by expanding the definition of a qualified law enforcement foundation and extending the expiration of such tax credit to December 31, 2031.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-27 and 48-7-29.25.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, except for provisions relating to O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-27 which is effective January 1, 2027, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

## Act 269; HB 511

This Act authorizes each taxpayer to establish one catastrophe savings account. The Act provides for the amount that a taxpayer may contribute to such an account. The Act provides that interest earned from such accounts will be tax exempt, for deductions from income taxes of amounts contributed to such accounts, and for distributions from such accounts. The Act provides for excess contributions to such accounts. The Act provides for distribution of account funds upon the taxpayer's death. The Act authorizes the promulgation of rules and regulations.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-28.5.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

#### Act 262; HB 360

This Act provides for taxpayers preapproved to claim tax credits for the rehabilitation of certified structures other than historic homes for tax years 2027 or 2028 to claim reduced tax credits for tax year 2026. The Act requires such taxpayer to obtain a certificate of occupancy on or before July 1, 2026.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.8. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 182; HB 136

This Act provides for a tax credit for qualified child care and dependent care expenses of up to 50 percent of the amount of credit provided for in Section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Act further provides for a \$250.00 tax credit for each qualifying child of a taxpayer. The Act requires that only one taxpayer receive the credit for qualifying children. The Act prohibits the tax credit to exceed tax liability. The Act provides for employers to receive a tax credit for qualifying child care payments of employees. The Act further provides that the amount of tax credit is \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 if it is the first taxable year that the employer made eligible child care payments for employees and limits the aggregate amount of such tax credits to \$20 million per year. The Act prohibits the tax credits from exceeding the employer's tax liability and prohibits the credit being applied to prior tax liabilities. The Act provides for procedures for employers to apply for the tax credit. The Act further provides for tax credits to taxpayers who contribute to qualified foster child support organizations, including those that are not Georgia licensed child-pacing agencies or licensed child-caring institutions. The Act provides for qualified expenditures to include certain expenditures for justice involved youth. The Act further provides for tax credits for business enterprises that contribute to foster child support organizations. The Act prohibits foster child support organizations from withholding more than 20 percent of qualified contributions. The Act authorizes the commissioner to share information as necessary for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 48-7.

This Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-29.10, 48-7-29.24, and 48-7-60 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-29.27 and 48-7-29.28.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 24; HB 144

This Act expands the tax credit for preceptorship rotations to include licensed dentists. The Act further increases the value of such tax credit and provides an aggregate cap of such tax credit for any calendar year. The Act extends the sunset date to December 31, 2030.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.22.

Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

## Act 124; HB 475

This Act clarifies the Department of Economic Development's authority to implement a tax credit certification application process with respect to a state certified production and authorizes the department to collect reasonable fees in relation to such process. The Act also requires production companies to pay all court costs if the denial of certification is upheld on appeal.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-40.26.

Effective January 1, 2026, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after such date.

#### Act 188; HB 652

This Act exempts from sales and use taxes and motor fuel taxes electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations. The Act revises the definition for "distributor" and adds a new definition for "exempt special fuel." The Act also extends the effective date provisions of SB 146, relating to regulation and taxation of electric vehicle charging stations, to January 1, 2027.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, 48-8-3.1, 48-9-2, 48-9-3, and Ga. L. 2023, p. 376/SB 146, approved May 2, 2023, as amended.

Effective May 13, 2025, for purposes of extending certain effective date provisions as required by Section 1 and effective January 1, 2027, for all other purposes.

## Act 80; HB 153

This Act extends the sunset date applicable to a tax exemption for maintenance and replacement parts for certain machinery or equipment used to mix, agitate, and transport concrete.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-3.2.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 49 SOCIAL SERVICES

## Act 297; SB 276

This Act prohibits liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization. The Act requires a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days. The Act revises certain provisions to comply with federal law.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 49-4-148. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 260; HB 352

This Act revises Medicaid coverage criteria to extend coverage for continuous glucose monitors to individuals with gestational diabetes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 49-4-159.4. Effective July 1, 2025.

## TITLE 50 STATE GOVERNMENT

## Act 3; HB 67

This Act amends the 2024-2025 "General Appropriations Act" to change certain appropriations for State Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Effective March 6, 2025.

#### Act 73; HB 68

This Act, the "General Appropriations Act," provides for the operation of state government for State Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Effective May 9, 2025.

#### Veto No. 6; SB 46

This Act enacts the "Government Serves the People Act," which creates the position of State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate government-wide efforts aimed at improving government service delivery by agencies, with such individual to be appointed by the Chief Information Officer and Executive Director of the Georgia Technology Authority. The Act provides for the powers and duties of the position. The Act requires heads of state agencies, other than the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and any institution of the University System of Georgia, to be responsible for government service delivery of each such agency. The Act requires each such state agency head to appoint a lead

agency service delivery official and provides the powers and duties of such officials. The Act provides for annual reporting by the State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 50-1-14 through 50-1-16.

## Act 47; HB 303

This Act enacts the "Original 33 Memorial Act" which provides for the placement on the grounds of the state capitol building of a monument for the 33 elected African American legislators, known as the Original 33, who were elected to serve in the Georgia General Assembly but were expelled from serving in September, 1868. The Act provides for the postponement of such monument placement due to safety concerns.

The Act enacts Article 8 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 50-3. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 129; HB 137

This Act provides for an increase in the dollar value of all construction or public works contracts exempt from certain contractual or procedural requirements to \$250,000.00. The Act provides that the contractual protections for public construction contracts do not apply to contracts with a value that exceeds \$250,000.00. The Act further provides that local boards of education shall give preference to in-state manufacturers or producers when the value of a contract for or purchase of supplies, materials, equipment, or agricultural products exceeds \$250,000.00. The Act further provides that all public school construction contracts in excess of \$250,000.00 shall be publicly advertised and awarded through an open and competitive process. The Act further provides that a county or municipality shall not negotiate a contract for a county road system or municipal street system, respectively, except contracts involving the expenditure of less than \$250,000.00, but such contracts shall not be awarded without the submission of at least two estimates. The Act further provides that contracting and bidding requirements for public works construction contracts shall not apply to such contracts estimated to cost less than \$250,000.00. The Act provides that the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct and negotiate all state agency construction or public works contracts exceeding a total expenditure of \$250,000.00 and shall review and approve such contracts when the total expenditure is less than \$250,000.00.

This Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-80, 20-2-500, 20-2-520, 32-4-63, 32-4-113, 36-91-22, and 50-5-72.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 86; HB 113

This Act prohibits the state or any state agency from purchasing concerned goods from a foreign company of concern, a foreign country of concern, or certain third-party vendors or resellers. The Act provides for the Georgia Technology Authority to maintain a current list of concerned goods. The Act provides definitions for the terms "concerned goods," "foreign company of concern," and "foreign country of concern." The Act further provides for civil penalties, contract termination, and contract ineligibility.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-5-84.1 and 50-25-4 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-84.2.

## Act 59; HB 233

This Act designates the fourth Friday in November of each year as "National Sugarcane Syrup Day" in Georgia. The Act further designates Brunswick stew as the official Georgia state stew and designates cornbread as the official Georgia state bread. The Act defines "foreign country of concern" and prohibits companies owned by a foreign country of concern or companies in which a foreign country of concern has an ownership interest from submitting a bid or proposal for a contract with state agencies for goods or services. The Act provides that, in addition to termination of the contract with the company and ineligibility of the company to bid on a state contract, the company shall be liable for a civil penalty of the greater of \$250,000.00 or triple the entire purchase value.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-84.2 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 1-4-27, 50-3-94, and 50-3-95.

Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 176; HB 216

This Act enacts the "Richard H. Smith Georgia CHIPS Advancement in Research and Economic Development Act," which creates the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Commission to attract, encourage, and support the semiconductor industry in this state. The Act also abolishes the Georgia CHIPS and Advanced Technology Consortium.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-7-130 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 50-34-21. Effective May 13, 2025.

## Act 92; SB 96

This Act revises the membership of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission; abolishes the Environmental Advisory Council; abolishes the Jekyll Island Citizens Resource Council; abolishes the Stakeholder Advisory Board and transfers its functions to the Erosion and Sediment Control Overview Council; abolishes the Governor's Office for Children and Families; abolishes the Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council; abolishes the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; transfers the Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Public Health; abolishes the Board of Homeland Security; abolishes the Employment First Georgia Council and transfers its responsibilities to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency; abolishes the Georgia State Games Commission; and abolishes the Lottery Retailer Advisory Board.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 8-3-306, 12-2-2, 12-7-7.1, 12-7-19, 12-7-20, 15-5-81, 15-11-504, 15-11-704, 15-11-708, 25-3-21, 25-3-22, 25-3-23, 25-3-25, 25-4-2, 25-4-3, 25-4-4, 25-4-5, 25-4-6, 25-4-7, 25-4-7.1, 25-4-8, 25-4-9, 25-4-10, 31-7-191, 31-53-6, 31-49-2, 31-49-3, 38-3-20, 45-9-101, 47-7-1, 49-4A-2, 49-4A-8, 49-5-155, 49-5-156, 49-9-1, 50-12-40, 50-12-45, and 50-12-47; enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 31-49-1.1 and 49-9-2.1; and repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 12-3-233.1, 25-4-3.1, 25-4-8.1, 31-7-192, 31-49-6, 38-3-40 through 38-3-42, 49-5-130 through 49-5-135, 49-5-227, 49-9-50 through 49-9-53, 50-12-41 through 50-12-44, 50-12-48, and 50-27-6. Effective July 1, 2025.

## Act 271; HB 516

This Act designates the Attorney General as an applicable elected representative under 26 U.S.C. Section 147 of the Internal Revenue Code who may approve the issuance of private activity bonds to finance or refinance a state charter school facility. The Act requires the Attorney General to hold a hearing on the issuance of such private activity bonds within 60 days of receiving a written request for such a hearing and to issue such bonds within 30 days after such a hearing if certain criteria are satisfied. The Act further authorizes the boards of trustees of public libraries and community service boards to conduct meetings by teleconference under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-1-14. Effective July 1, 2025.

#### Act 6; SB 36

This Act enacts the "Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act," which provides that the state or local governments shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion unless the government can demonstrate that such burden is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering such interest. The Act provides for relief following a violation.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 50-15A. Effective April 4, 2025.

#### Act 276; SB 12

This Act revises provisions related to public record requests to require that such requests be made upon a public agency or employee who is the custodian of the records being requested. The Act provides for the retrieval and production of public records received or maintained by or transferred to private persons or entities under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-18-70 and 50-18-71. Effective May 14, 2025.

#### Act 306; SB 13

This Act expands the definitions of "environmental facilities" and "environmental services" and adds a definition of "natural gas facility." The Act authorizes the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relative to natural gas facilities and provides for limited liability for members of the authority or any officer or employee of the authority acting on behalf thereof, while acting within the scope of his or her authority.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 50-23-4, 50-23-5, and 50-23-12. Effective May 14, 2025.

## Act 173; HB 159

This Act increases the limit on outstanding bonds and notes for the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority's single-family residential housing program.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-26-10.

Effective May 13, 2025.

## Act 76; HB 74

This Act provides for the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act to control the promulgation of rules and regulations as well as any administrative hearings related to bona fide coin operated amusement machines.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-27-9. Effective May 9, 2025.

## TITLE 51 TORTS

## Act 9; SB 68

This Act substantively and comprehensively revises provisions regarding civil practice, evidentiary matters, damages, and liability in tort actions. The Act provides for limitations relative to evidence of noneconomic damages and provides for timing and procedures for answers, discovery, and dismissals of civil actions. The Act also provides for attorney's fees, court costs, and litigation expenses and the admissibility of evidence related to seat safety belts. The Act establishes a negligent security cause of action and provides for remedies and apportionment of damages in such actions. The Act further provides for trial procedures and recovery of special damages for medical and healthcare expenses in personal injury and wrongful death cases.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 9-10-184, 9-11-12, 9-11-41, and 40-8-76.1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 9-15-16, 51-3-50 through 51-3-57, 51-12-1.1, and 51-12-15.

Effective April 21, 2025, and Sections 6 and 7, relating to negligent security, apply only with respect to causes of action arising on or after April 21, 2025.

## TITLE 53 WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

## Act 310; HB 327

This Act revises several titles throughout the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to address various provisions relating to fiduciaries, guardianships, powers of attorney, trusts and estates, probate, and banking, including Titles 7, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, 50, 51, and 53.

The Act provides for comprehensive revision of provisions relating to the determination of heirs and the rights and interests of children born out of wedlock or from in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction, and of the parents of such children. The Act provides for information to be included on birth certificates of children born from in vitro fertilization or other similar method of assisted reproduction. The Act also provides for the authorization of certain physicians and surgeons to administer or perform in vitro fertilization, or other similar method of assisted reproduction, and for limitations of civil liability for certain physicians and surgeons who administer or perform in vitro fertilization or other similar method of assisted reproduction.

The Act provides for the applicability of principles of common law and equity governing wills, trusts, and the administration of estates in Georgia. The Act provides for respective jurisdiction of superior courts and probate courts in certain circumstances. The Act increases the amount of money that probate courts may, at their discretion, distribute that is due and owing to certain individuals in need of a conservator, up from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The Act provides for electronic trust administration records and electronic signatures with respect to trusts; for DNA testing with regard to kinship; and for the disclosure of AIDS confidential information under certain circumstances. The Act provides for recovery for children born out of wedlock for the homicide of a parent under certain conditions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-223, 7-1-242, 7-1-322, 7-1-324, 7-1-333, 7-1-334, 10-6B-3, 10-6B-81, 15-9-127, 19-7-1, 19-7-21, 19-7-22, 19-7-40, 19-7-43, 19-7-54, 24-12-21, 29-6-1, 29-9-15, 31-10-9, 43-34-37, 44-5-37, 44-6-203, 44-6-204, 44-6-205, 44-15-3, 44-15-4, 44-15-6, 50-18-160, 51-4-2, 53-1-9, 53-2-2, 53-2-3, 53-2-4, 53-2-5, 53-2-20, 53-2-21, 53-2-22, 53-2-23, 53-2-24, 53-2-25, 53-2-26, 53-2-27, 53-2-40, 53-2-51, 53-4-5, 53-4-20, 53-5-8, 53-6-1, 53-6-50, 53-6-60, 53-7-1, 53-7-5, 53-7-32, 53-7-41, 53-7-50, 53-7-68, 53-7-69.1, 53-7-72, 53-12-2, 53-12-3, 53-12-8, 53-12-9, 53-12-22, 53-12-61, 53-12-62, 53-12-80, 53-12-81, 53-12-82, 53-12-83, 53-12-172, 53-12-200, 53-12-201, 53-12-221, 53-12-243, 53-12-261, 53-12-262, 53-12-501, and 53-12-506; repeals O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-264; and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 19-11-82, 19-11-192, 44-6-207, 53-2-9, 53-2-28, 53-12-29, 53-12-46, 53-12-248, and 53-12-510 through 53-12-513.

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