

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 230. By Senators Brass of the 28th, Echols of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Summers of the 13th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to programs and protection for children, so as to revise provisions relating to the foster parents bill of rights; to provide for definitions; to provide that such rights include relative caregivers and fictive kin; to provide for the development of administrative procedures; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.

SB 231. By Senators Burns of the 23rd and Anderson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the consolidation of Richmond County and the City of Augusta, approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3648), as amended, so as to provide that the mayor shall be a full voting member of the commission; to provide for the effective dates of ordinances and resolutions; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for mandatory execution of election and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 232. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and Strickland of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to provide for probate court fees; to provide for funding of the State Children's Trust Fund; to revise provisions regarding additional fees; to amend Code Section 25-10-4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to requirement of permit for conduct of fireworks display, application, imposition of conditions as to granting of permit, duration and transfer of permit, disposition of excess fireworks, and fees, and Chapter 6 of Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to judges of probate courts as custodians of certain funds, so as to repeal a provision regarding compensation of probate court judges; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 233. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Brass of the 28th, Still of the 48th, Moore of the 53rd, Setzler of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts to be funded by the state in the amount of \$6,000.00 per school year for each participating student; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 234. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Mallow of the 2nd, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Rahman of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to equipment and inspection of motor vehicles, so as to provide for the enforcement of laws regarding the operation of a motor vehicle with equipment which produces excessive noise levels using recorded images to be penalized by a civil monetary penalty; to amend Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts, so as to authorize district attorneys, solicitors-general, and prosecuting attorneys to enforce civil monetary penalties relative to the enforcement of laws regarding the operation of a motor vehicle with equipment which produces excessive noise levels; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 235. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Seay of the 34th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to create the HBCU Innovation and Economic Prosperity Planning Districts Commission; to provide for membership and operation; to provide for an executive director; to provide for advisory committees; to provide for powers and duties; to provide that the commission may accept outside funding from public or private grants, devises, and bequests; to provide for reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

SB 236. By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Cobb County, approved June 19, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, Ex. Sess., p. 2075), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3893), so as to change the description of the commissioner districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 237. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to provide for student loan repayment for peace officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to provide for continued eligibility requirements; to provide for student loan repayment agreements and conditions; to provide for maximum student loan repayment amounts; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for appropriations contingency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 238. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd and Hatchett of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SR 190. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Eat Right Atlanta; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 191. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Collier Dickens; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 192. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Hatchett of the 50th, Payne of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia for 50 years of dedicated and outstanding service; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 193. By Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Colin Joseph Dickens; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 194. By Senator James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tesia Baker; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 195. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th, Strickland of the 17th, Kennedy of the 18th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ronald L. Carlson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 196. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Butler of the 55th, Robertson of the 29th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. John J. (Sean) Martin Jr. for his dedicated service to the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 197. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Orrock of the 36th, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 23, 2023, as Egyptian American Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 198. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Susan J. Kelley; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 199. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Merritt of the 9th, Mallow of the 2nd, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and recognizing March 2, 2023, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 200. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 43rd, McLaurin of the 14th, Rhett of the 33rd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Judge James Stanley Smith; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

HB 121. By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Powell of the 33rd, McDonald of the 26th, Gunter of the 8th, Yearata of the 152nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft generally, so as to provide for restrictions and requirements regarding wakesurfing and wakeboarding, including on certain state waters; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

HB 167. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Corbett of the 174th, Gullett of the 19th, Gunter of the 8th, Knight of the 134th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-5-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limited driving permits for certain offenders, so as to provide for standards for issuance of such permits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

HB 203. By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Beverly of the 143rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to revise provisions relating to restrictions on the sale and dispensing of contact lenses with respect to physicians; to revise definitions; to provide requirements for assessment mechanisms; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 207. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and LaHood of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 52 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to provide for the carrying of night visual distress signals upon coastal waters of this state during certain hours; to provide for the carrying of such signals by vessels of a certain size; to update the reference date to department rules and regulations relating to criminal violations relating to registration, operation, and sale of watercraft; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 285. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Williams of the 148th, Rhodes of the 124th and others:

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

Referred to Retirement Committee.

HB 299. By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Clark of the 100th, Ballard of the 147th, Tarvin of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-9-2.1, Title 16, Title 19, Title 20, and Chapter 2 of Title 38, Chapter 2 of Title 40, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to appointment, compensation, authority, qualifications, training, and other limitations of associate probate court judges, crimes and offenses, domestic relations, education, military affairs, and registration and licensing of motor vehicles, respectively, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 317. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Mathis of the 149th, Collins of the 71st, Seabaugh of the 34th, Mathiak of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 19 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Employees' Assurance Department, so as to provide for the assignment of certain group term life insurance benefits to pay for funeral services of a deceased individual who was a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, Georgia Legislative Retirement System, or Georgia Judicial Retirement System; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

HR 157. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Vance of the 133rd, Pirkle of the 169th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Appling County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property located in Bacon County; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Bacon County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Morgan, Newton, and Walton counties; authorizing the lease of certain state owned property located in Rabun County; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Taylor County; and authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Walton County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State Institutions and Property Committee.

HR 158. By Representatives Greene of the 154th, Vance of the 133rd, Pirkle of the 169th, Dunahoo of the 31st and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingresses and egresses in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Calhoun, Camden, Chatham, Clarke, Coffee, DeKalb, Emanuel, Fulton, Jeff Davis, Monroe, Morgan, Polk, Tattnall, Towns, and Washington counties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

Referred to State Institutions and Property Committee.