

SENATE FIRST READERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2025

ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 70. By Senator Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the City of Conyers, Georgia; to provide for a short title; to provide for the purpose of such districts; to provide for subsequent issues thereof; to provide for construction; to provide that no notice, proceeding, publication, or referendum shall be required; to provide for procedures connected with all of the foregoing; to provide for the dissolution and reactivation of districts under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 71. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Dolezal of the 27th, Watson of the 1st, Summers of the 13th and Ginn of the 47th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to exempt from taxable net income compensation of athletes for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 72. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dolezal of the 27th, Strickland of the 42nd, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 52 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to terminally ill patient's right to try investigational drugs, biological products, and devices, so as to expand access to individualized investigational treatments to patients who have severely debilitating or life-threatening illnesses; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for written informed consent; to allow certain manufacturers or eligible facilities to make available individualized investigational treatments; to provide that coverage is not mandatory; to prohibit the sanctions against a physician's license; to provide exemption to liability for certain charges; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 73. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

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

Referred to Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee.

SB 74. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Walker III of the 20th, Dolezal of the 27th, Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, so as to repeal an exemption for libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103, relating to selling, loaning, distributing, or exhibiting materials harmful to minors; to provide that any violation of such Code section shall be a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature when committed knowingly; to provide for a defense for librarians who make good faith attempts to identify and remove material harmful to minors; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 75. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Albers of the 56th, Williams of the 25th, Jones II of the 22nd, Moore of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to use of speed detection devices and red light cameras, so as to provide for standards for signs warning of a reduced speed limit in a school zone and signs warning of the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices; 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 speeding in a school zone using recorded images; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 76. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th, Summers of the 13th and others:

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

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 77. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 78. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Mallow of the 2nd, Hickman of the 4th and Dixon of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the City of Tybee Island Building and Public Facilities Authority; to provide that the authority is a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of Georgia; to provide that this Act shall be liberally construed; to define the scope of the authority's operation; to provide for disposition of property upon dissolution of the authority; to provide for severability; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 79. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 80. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-8-9.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility to receive tax credits, so as to revise the definition of "rural hospital organization"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 81. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 82. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to enact the "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; to provide for local boards of education to reconsider the denial of local charter school petitions; to require the Office of Charter School Compliance to prepare guidelines for local boards of education for the evaluation of charter school petitions; to revise reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 83. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bartow County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 84. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and Williams of the 25th:

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

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 85. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to establish a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

SB 86. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Ginn of the 47th, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to authorize retail dealers to offer discounts to consumers through premiums, coupons, or rebates on alcoholic beverages purchased for consumption off the premises; to provide for a definition; to provide certain conditions and requirements for the offering of such discounts; to increase the number of tasting events a retail package liquor store may conduct; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SR 85. By Senators Sims of the 12th and Summers of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending Americus-Sumter County and recognizing February 19, 2025, as Americus-Sumter County Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 86. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Echols of the 49th, Jones II of the 22nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2025, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 87. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Communities in Schools; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 88. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th, Harbison of the 15th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A RESOLUTION acknowledging the outstanding leadership of Pamela J. Brown during her time serving as Chairwoman of the Rockdale County Board of Education; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 89. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ms. Patria Brown; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 90. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ms. Rhea Brashear; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 91. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. Nicholas Rucker; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 92. By Senators James of the 28th, Albers of the 56th, Rahman of the 5th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the county marshals of the State of Georgia and their deputies for the contributions they make to the communities they protect and serve and recognizing March 11, 2025, as County Marshals' Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 93. By Senators Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating John Coen upon his induction to the Roswell High School Hall of Fame as well as the Georgia Dugout Baseball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 94. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Bearden of the 30th, Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating David Escott "Scotty" Ferber; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 95. By Senators Dolezal of the 27th, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION naming the forthcoming new legislative office complex the "Sonny Perdue Legislative Center"; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 96. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Strickland of the 42nd and Cowsert of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION commending the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognizing May 1, 2025, as Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 97. By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Strickland of the 42nd and Cowsert of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Robert Wayne Mock Sr.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 98. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Mallow of the 2nd, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Paine College women's golf team; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 99. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Williams of the 25th, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Mr. Sharoko Farley; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 100. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Vincent D. Fort; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 101. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Islam Parkes of the 7th, Harbison of the 15th, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Keep Georgia Beautiful Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 102. By Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 13, 2025, as South Fulton County Legislative Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 103. By Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the achievements and capabilities of young Georgians and recognizing March 18, 2025, as Georgia Children & Youth Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 104. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Kennedy of the 18th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2025, as Georgia Hearing Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 105. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Harbison of the 15th, Walker III of the 20th, Harbin of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing April 30, 2025, as No-Kill Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 106. By Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the memory of Mrs. Rosa Parks and recognizing February 4, 2025, as Rosa Parks Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 107. By Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Essie Mae Jackson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 108. By Senators James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Rahman of the 5th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 23, 2025, as Doula Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 109. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the winners of the 2025 Miss Atlanta Competition; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 110. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th, Esteves of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the rise of cardiovascular disease as the world's leading cause of death and disability and supporting the recognition of February 2025 as American Heart Month; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 111. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Mallow of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2025, as Blue and White Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 112. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Orrock of the 36th, Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2025, as Girl Scout Day at the state capitol and commending the Girl Scouts as a national leader in providing the best leadership development experience in the world to American girls; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 113. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Anderson of the 43rd, Tillery of the 19th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia's Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.