

SENATE FIRST READERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2026

TENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 438. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to reduce the beginning age for compulsory school attendance from six years to five years; to provide for all children to attend a full-day kindergarten program for one school year prior to enrolling in first grade; to provide for applicability of compulsory school attendance laws and rules; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 439. By Senators Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th, Burns of the 23rd and Echols of the 49th:

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, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for regulation of referral agencies for assisted living communities and personal care homes; to provide for disclosures to prospective residents and acknowledgments of receipt; to provide for charging and collection of fees; to require verification of licensing of assisted living communities and personal care homes by referral agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 440. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 19, 31, 48, and 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, domestic relations, health, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to modernize and update provisions relative to duties or functions of the Department of Public Health; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 441. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Dickerson of the 21st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 83 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government investment pool, so as to require certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; to exempt certain pooled investments from such approval; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

SB 442. By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Burns of the 23rd, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to provide for revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to provide for testing requirements for renewal of commercial drivers' licenses for noncitizens; to amend Chapter 36 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to verification of lawful presence within the United States, so as to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 443. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to increase the punishment for the offense of obstructing highways, streets, sidewalks, or other public passages; to provide for enhanced punishment in certain instances; to authorize civil liability for damages; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SR 646. By Senator Kemp of the 38th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Fred Alexander Sr.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 647. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Dr. Veronica Bacote upon her appointment as Principal of Clements Middle School; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 648. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Junior League Movement on the occasion of its 125th anniversary and honoring its enduring legacy of developing women leaders and strengthening communities through volunteer service, civic engagement, and advocacy; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 649. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Beatrice "Bea" Jackson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 650. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Maraget Wimberly; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 651. By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 11th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 2025-2026 4-H leadership teams and award recipients; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 652. By Senators Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Setzler of the 37th and Hodges of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 4, 2026, as Physician's Day at the state capitol and saluting the physicians of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 653. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Sims of the 12th and others:

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

Read and Adopted.

SR 654. By Senators Sims of the 12th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 11th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant General Thomas M. Carden; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 655. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Greta Heard; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 656. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Mangham of the 55th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shundra Green; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 657. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 28th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Gas South upon its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 658. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Setzler of the 37th, James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kennesaw State University Owls football team for winning the 2025 Conference USA Championship; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 659. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Kemp of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 17, 2026, as Profound Autism Day; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 660. By Senators Jackson of the 41st, Wicks of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Anderson of the 43rd, Kemp of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Interfaith Children's Movement Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 661. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jackson of the 41st, James of the 28th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 662. By Senators Rhett of the 33rd and James of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States and the state of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 663. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the week of February 2-6, 2026, as National School Counseling Week; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 664. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 10, 2026, as Dyslexia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 665. By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th and Robertson of the 29th:

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

Read and Adopted.

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

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

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.