

SENATE FIRST READERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 500. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 501. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 502. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Parkes of the 7th, Harrell of the 40th, Merritt of the 9th, Halpern of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to exempt the sale or use of baby products, healthcare products, first aid supplies, school supplies, workforce training materials, home energy efficiency products, gun safes, gun lock boxes, and emergency preparedness supplies, from taxation; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 503. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to exempt rental home marketplace guarantees from the definition of property insurance; to require certain language; to provide for compliance with certain registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 504. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Mangham of the 55th, Harbison of the 15th, Mallow of the 2nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to department and Commissioner, so as to provide for certain lobbying restrictions on the Commissioner of Insurance within five years after leaving office; to provide for a definition; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 505. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to require that private passenger motor vehicle and residential property insurance premium rates must be approved by the Commissioner prior to use; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 506. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to prohibit vehicle insurers from using any geographic classifications in vehicle insurance policies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 507. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Jones II of the 22nd, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to underwriting and rate risking, so as to prohibit the use of credit information and credit scores in underwriting, rating risks, adverse actions, or certain other actions by insurance companies; to prohibit adverse actions against consumers in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 508. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Harrell of the 40th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 32, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, highways, bridges, and ferries, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for a system whereby certain local governments may seek certifications from the Department of Community Affairs upon the enactment of certain policies that can be used to receive priority in grant and loan applications submitted to state agencies; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

SB 509. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Burns of the 23rd, Dickerson of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain health benefit policies to cover an annual chest imaging test and any additional medically necessary chest imaging tests for a covered person who has undergone a mastectomy or other cancer treatment; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 510. 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 providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, so as to provide that future elections for members of the board of education shall be nonpartisan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 511. By Senators Still of the 48th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th and Halpern of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water rights, so as to clarify the right of citizens of this state to use nonnavigable streams for passage; to provide for a legislative finding; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SB 512. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Dixon of the 45th, Tillery of the 19th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th 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, the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to provide for a limitation on interchange fees charged by payment card networks for credit or debit card transactions at retailers; to provide requirements for payment card networks in relation to such interchange fees; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SR 763. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Hodges of the 3rd, Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 20, 2026, as Donor Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 764. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Hodges of the 3rd, Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Eden June Gale; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 765. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the law enforcement officers in the state of Georgia and the United States; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 766. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th, Hickman of the 4th, Summers of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the St. Marys Submarine Museum upon its 30th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 767. By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Watson of the 1st and Hickman of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Celeste Coleman Shearouse; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 768. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Payne of the 54th, Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Red Star Foundation; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 769. By Senators Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Harrell of the 40th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Renee S. Knight; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 770. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Dolezal of the 27th, Wicks of the 34th, Strickland of the 42nd, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Ms. Abigail Savoie and dedicating a roundabout in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 771. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Tillery of the 19th, Setzler of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Adoption and Permanency Affordability; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.

SR 772. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Gooch of the 51st, Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Bearden of the 30th and others:

A BILL recognizing Sheriff Randall Johnson and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 773. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Echols of the 49th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 9 to 13, 2026, as Georgia Donor Week at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 774. By Senators Payne of the 54th, Hickman of the 4th, Still of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Walker III of the 20th and others:

A BILL recognizing February 25, 2026, as Charter Schools Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 775. By Senators Harbison of the 15th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th, Kemp of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating George Washington Carver High School on winning the 2025 GHSA Class 2A State Football Championship; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 776.](#) By Senators Mallow of the 2nd, Watson of the 11th and Williams of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Versie Zanders upon her retirement; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 777.](#) By Senator Mangham of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending John Hope Bryant on Next Gen Youth Entrepreneurship Day; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 778.](#) By Senator Mangham of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 17, 2026, as Next Gen Youth Entrepreneurship Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[SR 779.](#) By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Building Authority, Garbutt Construction, SG Contracting, Balfour Beatty, and Nelson Architecture Engineers for their exemplary work on the restoration and remodeling of the historic Georgia Senate Chamber; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

[HB 935.](#) By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd and Taylor of the 173rd:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

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

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

Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

HB 966. By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Jackson of the 165th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th and Hitchens of the 161st:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

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

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

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

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

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

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

HB 1005. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th and Alexander of the 66th:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1067. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Huddleston of the 72nd, Jenkins of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Rice of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of West Point ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; 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.

HB 1090. By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws creating and governing the Board of Commissioners of Echols County, approved February 3, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953, Jan.-Feb. Sess., p. 2054), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 11, 2022 (Ga. L. 2022, p.5446), so as to provide that all of the county commissioners shall be elected from the county at large; to repeal the commission district plan; to provide for continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1139. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority, approved April 13, 1982 (Ga. L. 1982, p. 4987), as amended, so as to rename the authority; to revise the membership and compensation of the authority; to provide for powers; to provide for enforcement; to provide for executions for rates and charges; to provide for definitions; to revise a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1155. By Representatives Ford of the 170th and O'Steen of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Tift County, approved August 9, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 396), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4875), so as to revise purchasing provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1169. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1170. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1172. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1200. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a base year assessed value homestead exemption from Chatham County and City of Savannah School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved April 12, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; 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.

HB 1203. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from Chatham 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 base year assessed value of such homestead, approved May 9, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3649), so as to provide that any homeowner receiving the homestead exemption provided for in Ga. L. 1999, p. 4215, as amended, shall automatically receive the exemption provided for in this Act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1258. By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Rice of the 139th, Buckner of the 137th and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Muscogee County, approved December 20, 1884 (Ga. L. 1884-85, p. 455), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 19, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 4423), so as to provide an additional judge; to provide for the election of the initial additional judge; to provide for terms of office of said additional judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.