

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 522. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Goodman of the 8th, Hatchett of the 50th, Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise taxes on rental motor vehicles, so as to provide for a fee on rental motor vehicles; to provide a definition; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide funding for tourism; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 523. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Tillery of the 19th 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 authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

SB 524. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Walker III of the 20th, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Payne of the 54th 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 honoring Girl Scouts of Georgia; to establish a specialty plate honoring the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's independence; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 525. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the juvenile code, so as to require the recording of all proceedings under the juvenile code; to establish the right of parties to obtain a full and complete record of proceedings under the juvenile code; to establish the right of the Department of Human Services to obtain a full and complete record of proceedings under the juvenile code in which it has been permitted to participate by the juvenile court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Children and Families Committee.

SB 526. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 6th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the licensing and regulation of recovery residences; to provide for minimum standards; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for applications for licensing; to provide for provisional licensing; to provide for compliance; to provide for the denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses; to provide for enforcement actions; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for inspections; to provide for procedures and penalties relating to unlicensed recovery residences; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide legislative findings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 527. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Albers of the 56th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-16-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualification requirements for sheriff and exemptions, so as to require that candidates for the office of sheriff are certified peace officers at the time of qualifying as a candidate; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 528. By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Dixon of the 45th, Brass of the 6th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hickman of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans, policies, or contracts executed by the state to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices and their materials and components; to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 529. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to negligent security, so as to exempt certain victims from using an exclusive remedy; to provide for a conforming change; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 530. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Kemp of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 7 and 8 of Title 48 and Chapter 8 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, sales and use taxes, and fees and taxes relative to insurance, respectively, so as to create the Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund; to require that high-technology data center and insurance premium tax collections be deposited into such fund; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for recoverability; to provide for the repeal of insurance premium tax credits and abatements; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 531. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 21-2-216 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications of electors generally, reregistration of electors purged from list, eligibility of nonresidents who vote in presidential elections, retention of qualification for standing as elector, evidence of citizenship, and check of convicted felons and deceased persons databases, so as to provide that convictions for offenses involving the purchase, possession, or control of certain controlled substances shall not prevent persons from registering, remaining registered, or voting; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 532. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Kemp of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 2 and 7 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commencement of action and service and default judgment, respectively, so as to provide for defendant notices of certain proceedings and pleadings when such defendant failed to file pleadings; to clarify defendant's right to appear and introduce evidence of damages in certain default judgment actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 533. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Hickman of the 4th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Tillery of the 19th, Robertson of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as to provide for certain nonresident electors to vote in municipal elections of such municipality; to provide for a definition; to provide for the eligibility and manner of voting in municipal elections by nonresident electors; to provide for procedures for registration and voting by such nonresident electors; to provide for certain rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 534. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Parkes of the 7th, Jackson of the 41st, Kemp of the 38th, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to minors, so as to provide for the creation of the Georgia Baby Bond Savings Plan; to provide for the administration of such plan; to provide for a board of directors; to authorize the board of directors to invest plan funds; to provide for the creation of a fund in the state treasury; to provide the authority for establishing a comprehensive investment plan; to provide for furnishing annual financial statements to savings trust account owners; to provide for eligibility requirements for the plan; to authorize the General Assembly to contribute to the plan; to provide for minimum contributions by the General Assembly to the plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SR 798. By Senators Albers of the 56th and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating the Roswell Rotary Club upon its 75th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 799. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Setzler of the 37th, Hatchett of the 50th and Still of the 48th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 3, 2026, as Georgia Reads Day; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 800. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Sims of the 12th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on the Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SR 801. By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Ginn of the 47th, Anderson of the 24th, Echols of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 18, 2026, as Georgia Alpha Gamma Rho Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 802. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Payne of the 54th, Hatchett of the 50th, James of the 28th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 25, 2026, as Executive Function Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 803. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Tammi Temeki Perkins; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 804. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 805. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Ernest "Ernie" Broadwell and recognizing February 9, 2026, as Fayette County Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 806. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sergeant Major (Ret.) Cendric D. Olds; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 807. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Denise Olivia Jones; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 808. By Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Janea' Harris; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 809. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Association of Georgia General Aviation Airports as an industry association for general aviation airports in the State of Georgia and its corporate affiliates; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 810. By Senators Kemp of the 38th, Jones II of the 22nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Mangham of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the importance of transparency, community engagement, environmental stewardship, and congressional oversight regarding the proposed development or expansion of federal immigration detention facilities in the State of Georgia and expressing support for federal efforts to ensure accountability in the siting of such facilities; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SR 811. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that the General Assembly shall be authorized to provide by law to expend or authorize the expenditure of public funds for the Georgia Property Tax Fairness Fund without the need for benefit in return; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SR 812. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Bearden of the 30th, Brass of the 6th and James of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending GreyStone Power Corporation for 90 years of making life better in the communities it serves; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 813. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Summers of the 13th, Hatchett of the 50th, Albers of the 56th, Anderson of the 24th and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Public Health to conduct a study on the relationship between sudden unexpected deaths of infants and children, ages two and under, and the administration of vaccinations; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SR 814. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Walker III of the 20th, Hatchett of the 50th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Kay Pippin; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 815. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Dixon of the 45th, Davenport of the 17th, Halpern of the 39th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 23, 2026, as Georgia Hearing Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 816. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 28th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dimetrice Latimore, the Department of Community Supervision's 2025 Employee of the Year; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 817. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th, Jones of the 10th, Strickland of the 42nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Clayton State University and recognizing March 4, 2026, as Clayton State University Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 818. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Echols of the 49th, Dickerson of the 21st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Commissioner Walter Rabon as the recipient of the 2026 Conservation Trailblazer Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

HB 419. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Gambill of the 15th, Martin of the 49th, Jackson of the 128th, Mathis of the 133rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to university system, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by institutions within the University System of Georgia; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to technical and adult education, so as to require the possession of opioid antagonists by units within the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

HB 541. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 45th, Taylor of the 173rd, Prince of the 132nd and Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-411 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to expand the definition of an approved school to include certain institutions which offer programs in nursing; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

HB 943. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th and Schofield of the 63rd:

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 and youth, so as to establish a pilot program relating to the provision of screenings, clinical evaluations, training, services, and resources for autism spectrum disorder to children in foster care; to provide for definitions; to provide for the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services to develop and implement such pilot program; to provide for a final report and recommendations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; 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.

HB 964. By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Williams of the 168th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from the state and local title ad valorem tax fee certain motor vehicles used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to exempt from sales and use taxes sales of tangible personal property used in the provision of fire protection services for local governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 970. By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Washburn of the 144th, O'Steen of the 169th, Rice of the 139th, Hagan of the 156th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to expand which healthcare professionals may conduct preparticipation physical examinations; to provide for the period of validity for such examinations; to require healthcare professionals to include a cardiovascular prescreening as part of such examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 1096. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hatchett of the 155th, Sharper of the 177th, O'Steen of the 169th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide that if certain employees of a county board of health become employees of such department such employees will retain accrued annual and sick leave; to authorize rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 1182. By Representatives Rhodes of the 124th, Leverett of the 123rd, Ridley of the 6th, Williams of the 148th and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil amendments, so as to provide for additional prohibited acts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 1202. By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Mathis of the 133rd and Smith of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-6A-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board, membership, and termination, so as to correct a scrivener's error in a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.