

SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 577. By Senators Watson of the 11th, Anderson of the 24th, Payne of the 54th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to conservation and natural resources and state government, respectively, so as to reserve to the state certain PFAS claims; to provide for enforcement of such claims by the division; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for the receipt and administration of lawsuit and settlement proceeds by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; to provide for reporting; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 578. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing in DeKalb County districts from which members of the county board of education shall be elected, approved April 12, 1963 (Ga. L. 1963, p. 3424), as amended, so as to change the description of the education districts; to provide for the election at large of the chairperson of such board of education; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of current members; 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 579. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Still of the 48th, Bearden of the 30th, Anavitarte of the 31st and Williams of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state government, so as to improve government service delivery in this state; to provide for the appointment of a State of Georgia Government Service Delivery Lead within the Georgia Technology Authority to coordinate such efforts; to establish the powers and duties of such individual; to establish the heads of each state agency as responsible for the government service delivery of their agency and provide for related powers and duties; to provide for annual reporting; 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 Government Oversight Committee.

SB 580. By Senators Rahman of the 5th, James of the 28th, Anderson of the 43rd, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to increase the minimum amount required for a foreclosure on a lien on a property under the "Georgia Condominium Act" and the "Georgia Property Owners' Association Act"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

SB 581. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th and Mallow of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vital records, so as to provide for cremation permits that are distinct from disposition permits; to provide for permits for cremations and organic reductions; to provide certain requirements for the issuance of cremation and organic reduction permits; to provide for exceptions; to amend Code Section 53-2-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to DNA testing for kinship, procedure, and cost, so as to provide for a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 582. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, so as to authorize the pronouncement of death by paramedics and emergency medical technicians; to amend Code Section 31-10-16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criteria for pronouncing death and immunity from liability, so as to make a conforming change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 583. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to false advertising, so as to require any person, firm, or corporation to display all fees associated with a consumer transaction when displaying the total price of a good; to provide for exceptions; to provide for violations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 584. By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dickerson of the 21st, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-11-23 and Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to class actions and miscellaneous local administrative provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, respectively, so as to prohibit class action suits by taxpayers for refunds; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 585. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Merritt of the 9th 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 certain disclosures in property and casualty insurance rate filings concerning climate related risk, catastrophe modeling, and reinsurance costs; to require property and casualty insurance companies to submit certain information to the Department; to require such department to create a database; 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 586. By Senators Williams of the 25th and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-107 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interfering with, harming of, or aggravated harming of a public safety animal or search and rescue animal, so as to provide for commendations of public safety animals and search and rescue animals that are injured or killed in the line of duty; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 587. By Senators Still of the 48th, Dickerson of the 21st, Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the establishment of an animal cruelty database; to provide for purpose and funding; to require the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia to create, administer, and maintain such database; to provide for minimum requirements; to provide for reporting and forms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 588. By Senators Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Parent of the 44th, Merritt of the 9th, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 34, 48, and 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, revenue and taxation, and social services, respectively, so as to provide for certain protections of caregivers; to provide for duration of sick leave; to revise a definition; to increase the tax credit for qualified caregiving expenses; to provide for no displacement from other programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SB 589. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, McNeel of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise the date by which a child must attain a certain age to be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade; to provide for parents and guardians to elect for their children who have attained the age of four or five to be enrolled in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program provided and operated as part of Georgia's Pre-K Program; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 590. By Senators Summers of the 13th, Albers of the 56th, Goodman of the 8th, Robertson of the 29th, Hodges of the 3rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to animal protection generally, so as to strengthen protections for dogs possessed for breeding purposes; to provide a definition; to expand minimum standards of care applicable to dog breeders; to limit the total number of dogs that may be possessed for breeding purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 591. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th 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 prohibit the disruption of a religious service; to provide for enhanced penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 592. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Summers of the 13th, Echols of the 49th, Hatchett of the 50th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 5 and 6 of Title 16 and Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes against the person, sexual offenses, and sentence and punishment, respectively, so as to provide for increased punishments for certain offenses; to provide for certain punishment for offenders who have been convicted of the offense of rape, sexual battery, or aggravated sexual battery of a person under 12 years of age; to designate certain offenses as serious violent felonies; to remove probation eligibility for certain offenses committed while serving a sentence; to prohibit probation for certain offenses; to prohibit early termination of probation for certain offenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 593. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th and Tillery of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for disclosure of impact fees upon transfer of ownership; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 594. By Senators Bearden of the 30th, Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Dixon of the 45th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to internet and e-mail fraud, so as to establish the criminal offense of digital identity fraud; to provide for criminal penalties; to require social media platform operators to evaluate claims of digital identify fraud; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a cause of action and damages; to provide for definitions; 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 595. By Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Howard of the 35th, Mangham of the 55th, Kemp of the 38th 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 authorize the State Board of Education to establish a student personal development and career readiness program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 596. By Senators Mangham of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Parkes of the 7th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 9 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants for educational programs under the "Quality Basic education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to establish a program of state-wide coordinated support for summer literacy programs offered by local school systems and other public schools; to provide for eligibility for such program; to require the Department of Education to develop a plan to implement such program and to submit such plan to the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 597. By Senators Mangham of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Parkes of the 7th and Orrock of the 36th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a course of instruction in legal literacy and life skills; to provide for the adoption of content standards for such instruction; to require that each local board of education and other public school governing body offer a course of instruction based on such content standards; to require that students complete such course of study prior to graduation; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 598. By Senators Mangham of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Wicks of the 34th, Parkes of the 7th, Howard of the 35th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that nonemergency rules or regulations adopted by the State Election Board within 180 days of an election shall not be effective for such election; to provide that certain changes to election practices or procedures made by a local election superintendent within 180 days of an election shall not be effective for such election; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 599. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Gooch of the 51st, Dixon of the 45th and Bearden of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budgets and audits, so as to provide for regulation of local governments in fiscal distress; to provide for criteria for identifying fiscal distress and audited financial reports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 600. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 44th, Jones II of the 22nd, Merritt of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to restrict the powers of business corporations, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies to only the powers the General Assembly expressly grants; to provide for purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 601. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Parent of the 44th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to continue the existence of the Atlanta Independent School System under the management and control of the Atlanta Board of Education, approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4154), as amended, so as to remove residency limitations on qualifications for employment of the executive assistant to the board, chief financial officer, and internal auditor; to revise provisions related to the selection, removal, and supervision of the executive assistant to the board and the internal auditor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 602. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Mangham of the 55th, James of the 28th, Kemp of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prior authorization, so as to reform prior authorization and utilization review requirements for healthcare plans; to provide for certain information to be provided to healthcare providers at the time of notification of an adverse determination; to provide for retroactive authorizations; to exempt certain healthcare services from prior authorization; to revise prior authorization time responses; to provide for automatic authorization; to provide for the chapter construction; 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 603. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Mangham of the 55th, James of the 28th, Kemp of the 38th and Harrell of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to increase transparency and accountability in the insurance industry and at the office of the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 604. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction with district attorneys to conduct criminal prosecutions of violent crimes, illegal immigration offenses, and fentanyl offenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Special Committee on Investigations Committee.

SB 605. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for additional grounds for discipline of a district attorney or solicitor-general or for his or her removal or involuntary retirement from office; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Special Committee on Investigations Committee.

SB 606. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding prosecuting attorneys; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a district attorney's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Special Committee on Investigations Committee.

SB 607. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to grand juries, so as to provide for a state grand jury; to provide for its creation, selection, composition, compensation, procedures, and term; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Special Committee on Investigations Committee.

SR 852. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th and Davenport of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Sharon D. Lise (H.C.); and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 853. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Anderson of the 43rd, Sims of the 12th and Davenport of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Sabrina Keyrra Bradley; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 854. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Goodman of the 8th and others:

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

Read and Adopted.

SR 855. By Senators Williams of the 25th, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th, Albers of the 56th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Academy of Audiology; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 856. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Albers of the 56th, Strickland of the 42nd, Bearden of the 30th and Tillery of the 19th:

A RESOLUTION commending Officer Terry "J" Palmer; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 857. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Setzler of the 37th, McNeel of the 18th, Dickerson of the 21st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Jon Oscher; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 858. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Irene Brown Mackson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 859. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Yolanda J. Edwards for her outstanding leadership, humanitarian service, and community impact; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 860. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Major Tracy Reed; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 861. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Shameka A. Jones; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 862. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Sydney Jakes for receiving the 2026 Yellow Rose Nikki T. Randall Servant Leadership Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 863. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Diesha Ranaldson-Blackmon; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 864. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Davenport of the 17th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Yvonne Barrett; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 865. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Bryant Clark; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 866. By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Hodges of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st, Setzler of the 37th and Strickland of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Statesboro Police Department's Community Information Specialist, Ruth Atchely; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 867. By Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Howard of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th, Brass of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Possibilities Unlimited for Women, Inc.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 868. By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Richard Keith "Rick" Worley and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 869. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Merritt of the 9th, Parent of the 44th, Jackson of the 41st, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mayor Craig L. Newton; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 870. By Senators Merritt of the 9th, Dixon of the 45th, Rahman of the 5th, Anderson of the 43rd, Parkes of the 7th and others:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Brookwood High School boys swim team for winning the 2026 GHSA Class 6A State Swimming Championship; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 871. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Orrock of the 36th and Davenport of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Morehouse School of Medicine, for her historic leadership, distinguished career in medicine and research, and extraordinary contributions to advancing health equity; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 872. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jackson of the 41st, Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th and McLaurin of the 14th:

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games and recognizing the enduring impact of the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 873. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Mangham of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Orrock of the 36th and Davenport of the 17th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 26, 2026, as HBCU AWARE FEST Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 874. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Dixon of the 45th, Payne of the 54th, McLaurin of the 14th and Howard of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Rita Celeste Johnson; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 875. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Dolezal of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for state-wide grand juries; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of state-wide grand juries; to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for procedures for the summoning and empaneling of state-wide grand juries; to provide for a presiding judge; to provide that the Attorney General or his or her designee shall act as the legal adviser and prosecutor for such state-wide grand juries; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Special Committee on Investigations Committee.

HB 320. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Dickey of the 134th, Parsons of the 44th, Camp of the 135th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to solid waste management, so as to require the recycling of solar panels; to prohibit the discarding or disposing of solar panels by any manner other than by delivery to a collection or recovered materials processing facility or other recycling center that accepts solar panels for recycling; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

HB 519. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th and Williams of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemption, and credits, so as to provide that the amount of the federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit against state income taxes; to provide for conditions, eligibility, limitations, and recaptures; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 634. By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to provide for calculating maximum scholarship amounts for certain students; to provide for electronic deposits; to provide for a compliance form; to provide for deadlines by which the Department of Education shall publish certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 689. By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Campbell of the 35th, Hilton of the 48th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Frye of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to housing trust fund for the homeless, so as to establish a homelessness prevention program; to provide for an application process and minimum standards; to provide for the use of certain funds; to provide for disbursements; to require contracts and assurances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

HB 792. By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Gambill of the 15th, Gunter of the 8th, Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to magistrate courts, so as to increase the amount of magistrate court claims from \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1001. By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Hong of the 103rd, Blackmon of the 146th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 1024. By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Reeves of the 99th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-13-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for purposes of bankruptcy and intestate insolvent estates, so as to revise the exemption for a debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, or in a burial plot; to provide for such exemption for the primary residence of spouses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

HB 1030. By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jones of the 47th, Dubnik of the 29th, Hilton of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "Math Matters Act"; to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for middle and high school advanced math courses; to require local education agencies to establish advance math courses in middle school and high school; to require the Professional Standards Commission to ensure students completing teacher certification programs have the knowledge and skills to teach math including the four strands of mathematical proficiency; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1070. By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Jasperse of the 11th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th and Cox of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income tax imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits, so as to increase and extend an income tax credit for expenditures on the maintenance of railroad track owned or leased by Class III railroads; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 1085. By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Burns of the 159th, Cannon of the 172nd, Burchett of the 176th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for various tax credits for forestry manufacturing facilities; to provide for transfer of tax credits and conditions; to provide for reporting; to provide for effective dates and automatic repeals; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 1185. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Gunter of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 14 and 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations and courts, respectively, so as to provide for certain shareholder claims to be brought before the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to permit a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation to require certain claims to be heard by the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for removal of certain claims to the Georgia State-wide Business Court; to provide for attorney's fees and costs; to exempt payment of attorney's fees and costs in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1259. By Representatives Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 155th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financing relative to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to prohibit virtual instruction to out-of-system students if the local school system has a College and Career Ready Performance Index below the state average; to require an agreement between local school systems to allow for an out-of-system student to attend a virtual school; to require out-of-system students to not be counted toward equalization funds received by a local school system; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1277. By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

HB 1329. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.