

SENATE FIRST READERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 613. By Senators Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act placing the sheriff and clerk of the Superior Court of Clayton County on an annual salary, approved February 25, 1949 (Ga. L. 1949, p. 1910), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3573), so as to change the compensation of the sheriff; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 614. By Senator Davenport of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hampton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the total amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who have resided at such homestead for at least five years; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 615. By Senators James of the 28th, Rahman of the 5th, Harbison of the 15th and Mangham of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 31 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to incorporation of municipal corporations, so as to provide for county police services for qualified municipalities; to hold certain agreements void; to provide for special service districts to raise funds for police services for qualified municipalities; to prohibit qualified municipalities from taking control of, maintaining, or responsibility for certain infrastructure; to provide for exceptions; to provide qualified municipalities access to certain provisions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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

SB 616. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Kemp of the 38th, James of the 28th, Orrock of the 36th, McLaurin of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L. 1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065) and an Act approved April 2, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3526), so as to provide for written consent for the creation of community improvement districts; to provide for submission of certain resolutions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 617. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Parent of the 44th and Kemp of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to prohibit public access to court records of dispossessory proceedings under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SR 889. By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Strickland of the 42nd, Bearden of the 30th, Gooch of the 51st and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for their service to the citizens of Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 890. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Goodman of the 8th, Orrock of the 36th, Parent of the 44th, Hufstetler of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Protecting Free and Fair Markets in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

SR 891. By Senators Anderson of the 24th, Goodman of the 8th, Watson of the 11th, Sims of the 12th and Echols of the 49th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the accomplishments of the Georgia Wildlife Federation; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 892. By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Still of the 48th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the Boy Scouts of America in Georgia and recognizing March 9, 2026, as Scouts Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 893. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Judith L. Cotten; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 894. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cotrina Yvette Echols Norris; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 895. By Senators Wicks of the 34th, Rhett of the 33rd and Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Veatra Cruz; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 896. By Senators James of the 28th, Howard of the 35th, Merritt of the 9th, Mangham of the 55th, Jackson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Craig Miller's life, legacy, and lasting impact on the State of Georgia's film industry; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 897. By Senators Brass of the 6th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Still of the 48th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Ellis Crook and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 898. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Kemp of the 38th, Harrell of the 40th, James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Atlanta Children's Day Shelter for 40 years of service to Georgia's children and families; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 899. By Senators Parkes of the 7th, Rahman of the 5th, Merritt of the 9th, Mangham of the 55th, Wicks of the 34th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Shia Ismaili Muslim Community and commemorating the month of Ramadan and Navroz; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 900. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 17th, Wicks of the 34th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Phenola Culbreath; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 901. By Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Wicks of the 34th, Davenport of the 17th, Jones II of the 22nd, Parent of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Master Sergeant Melissa Calvert-Shropshire; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 902. By Senators Halpern of the 39th, Wicks of the 34th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th and Anavitate of the 31st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Goodwill of North Georgia upon its 100th anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 903. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Rahman of the 5th, Harbison of the 15th, Merritt of the 9th, Mangham of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Georgia Piedmont Technical College upon the opening of its Regional Transportation Training Center; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 904. By Senators Jones of the 10th, Rahman of the 5th, Harbison of the 15th, Merritt of the 9th, Mangham of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring The Masters of Education: Hidden Figures in Education lineage and its founder, Reverend Henry Veal I (1847-1919), for their historic contributions to the State of Georgia and their unparalleled global academic achievements; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

HB 158. By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Smith of the 18th, Cheokas of the 151st and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of businesses using trade names, so as to provide for filing of registration statements with the office of the Secretary of State; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

HB 664. By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Panitch of the 51st and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations, so as to provide for property owners' associations to submit to said article after the creation of such associations; to provide for voting procedures; to provide for recordation of a vote to submit to said article; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1045. By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Rice of the 139th, Hugley of the 141st, Olaleye of the 59th, Ballard of the 147th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to enact the "You Are Not Alone Awareness Act"; to require public schools that issue student identification badges to include certain information about the 9-8-8 crisis response hotline on such badges; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

HB 1076. By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Burchett of the 176th, Crowe of the 118th, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create the felony offense of obstruction of a law enforcement officer with a motor vehicle; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1191. By Representatives O'Steen of the 169th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Corbett of the 174th, Cannon of the 172nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to provide for additional military medal awards eligible for special veteran license plates; to provide for a specialty license plate for United States Navy submarine service members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

HB 1192. By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Hugley of the 141st, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for certain accounting practices by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health; to provide for funds for specific purposes; to provide for annual review; to provide for annual reports; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

HB 1195. By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Mathiak of the 82nd, Gullett of the 19th, Camp of the 135th and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 50 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to telemedicine by veterinarians and veterinary technicians, so as to revise provisions relating to the practice and provision of veterinary teletriage and veterinary telemedicine; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

HB 1196. By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Miller of the 62nd, Hong of the 103rd, LaHood of the 175th, Fleming of the 114th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-21.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal trespass involving a wild animal, so as to provide for the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1201. By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 25-2-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to smoke detectors required in new dwellings and dwelling units and exceptions, so as to provide for compliance with safety standards for smoke detectors; to provide for staggered compliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

HB 1209. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Blackmon of the 146th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd and Gaines of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to provide for a sales and use tax exemption for purchases of tangible property and construction materials used for or in the construction and furnishing of certain buildings; to provide for limitations on the amount of credits to be issued; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

HB 1230. By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Thomas of the 21st, Crowe of the 118th, Hitchens of the 161st and Lumsden of the 12th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding aviation, so as to prohibit the operation of unmanned aircraft systems over a place of incarceration; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to require posting of signs warning of such prohibition; to provide for violations and penalties; to declare such systems contraband; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

HB 1268. By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, so as to revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions in, and reenact the statutory portion of said Code, as amended, in furtherance of the work of the Code Revision Commission; to repeal portions of said Code, or Acts in amendment thereof, which have become obsolete, have been declared to be unconstitutional, or have been preempted or superseded by subsequent laws; to codify principles of law derived from decisions of the state Supreme Court; to provide for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of said Code; to provide for effect in event of conflicts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1290. By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, LaHood of the 175th and Fincher of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of elder persons, so as to revise the definition of sexual abuse; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for dangerous sexual offenses occurring after June 30, 2026; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

HB 1310. By Representatives Ford of the 170th, Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Williams of the 168th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other state symbols, so as to designate cotton as the official state fabric; to provide legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

HB 1396. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.